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BOLSHEVISM'S "HEAVEN ON EARTH"

TO SYMBOLIZE THE HEAVEN ON EARTH brought about by Bolshevik rule, futurist artists were commissioned to paint sky-blue the entire Theater Square in Moscow, and to suspend snow-white lanterns from the trees in imitation of clouds. This was during a festival arranged by the Soviet Government to celebrate the anniversary of its advent to power. Since the aim of Bolshevism, according to its leaders, is to dominate the world, and a vigorous propaganda in its behalf has been uncovered in this country, it is interesting to contemplate the sample of "heaven" that it has to show us in Russia. Of this paradise we can gather an incomplete but illuminating picture from the recent reports of Russian fugitives and from the testimony laid before the Overman investigating committee. "A nightmare in a lunatic asylum," cables a Geneva correspondent of the *New York Times*, is the way Russian fugitives who straggle into Switzerland describe life in Russia under Lenin's rule. The people of Moscow, we are told, are dying of starvation and plague, and their number has been reduced from 3,000,000 to 1,000,000. And the railways have stopt running, making escape almost impossible. When a horse dies in the streets, according to this dispatch, men and women fight with the dogs for its flesh, "which they eat on the spot, not having sufficient will-power left to carry their booty home to cook." "Fear and famine," we read, "have engendered a veritable epidemic of insanity, and maniacs of all kinds stalk raving through the streets." In the maternity hospitals "90 per cent. of the mothers die after childbirth, and infant mortality is scarcely lower." In this tortured city, which its inhabitants have christened "The Graveyard," human flesh is reported to have been sold as food. This information, says a Washington correspondent of the *New York World*, has been received by our State Department. The plague that has the city in its grip, says an Associated Press dispatch, is typhus, and there are no medicines, no disinfectants, and no soap with which to fight it. According to this dispatch, which quotes a British business man just returned from Moscow to Paris, "railway officials in Moscow recently ordered the crowd out of the Central railway-station to clean it and found the bodies of five victims of the typhus, which had been lying for days among the peasants sleeping on the floor." This man reports that "the situation in Petrograd was said to be worse," and a dispatch from Bern quotes an "official statement" that "during December and January nearly 100,000 persons in Petrograd died from hunger and disease." A further account of conditions in Bolshevik Russia at the end of January is supplied by an Omsk correspondent of the *London Times*, who also gathers his information from refugees. We read:

"The situation in Moscow is described as ghastly. All shops except those maintained by the Soviet are closed, and nothing is obtainable without cards, only those associated with the Bolsheviks being able to obtain cards. People who stand aloof from the Bolsheviks suffer indescribable hardships.

"It is impossible to estimate how many are dying of starvation, but everybody coming from Russia declares that the Bolsheviks are deliberately endeavoring to exterminate the educated classes. Prices in Moscow are fabulous, and the sledge-drivers decline to budge under 200 rubles, where they would previously have been content with 40 copecks (100 copecks make 1 ruble). Bread costs 100 rubles (nominally £10) a pound, and clothes are unobtainable at any price whatever.

"Many churches in Moscow have been turned into theaters, and the famous and sacred Strastnoi Monastery has been transformed into a dancing-hall where harlots and profligates hold high revel nightly.

"The nationalization of women, tho tried in many places, has proved a failure owing to the feeling aroused, but there is little doubt that women belonging to the better class undergo hideous treatment at the hands of the inhuman monsters who constitute the Bolshevik régime.

"In Moscow a special battalion of Chinese, composed of laborers originally imported to work on the Murman Railway, is maintained for carrying out executions. The executions have been so numerous that it is futile to estimate the numbers of the killed. The population of Petrograd is now reduced to 700,000; it formerly exceeded 2,000,000. The soldiers receive 300 rubles monthly, plus 10 daily as field allowance, with special bonuses for fighting and the capture of towns. In addition they are usually allowed three days to sack occupied towns.

"Only one-tenth of the Red Army is really Bolshevik, the remainder being forced to fight because otherwise they and all belonging to them would be exterminated. If an officer or soldier deserts the whole of his family are shot. The Bolsheviks are stated to realize that the game will be a losing one unless the whole of Europe is forced into revolution.

"Russia is being cruelly and wantonly done to death by the Bolsheviks."

The *San Francisco Bulletin* quotes this dispatch, and follows it immediately with a telegram from William Randolph Hearst to the editor of his *New York American*, dated February 26, 1918, which *The Bulletin* thus reprints:

"I think our whole cause is likely to be injured by any delay in recognizing and supporting the Bolsheviks. They are representatives of the most democratic Government in Europe.

"Why are we in this war?

"Are we in it for democracy?

"Then, for Heaven's sake, why not recognize a democratic Government?

"We recognized the Imperial Government of Russia, but when Russia secures a Democratic Government we have so far not recognized it. . . . Let us recognize the truest democracy in Europe, the truest democracy in the world to-day."

It has been said that the one positive achievement of the Bolshevik Government has been the building up of a strong army, and now we hear from a seemingly authoritative source that this army is directed by the German General Staff. The night before he died, Kurt Eisner, Socialist Premier of Bavaria, thus informed George D. Herron, one of the United States delegates to the abandoned Prinkipo conference. "This statement of Eisner," says Professor Herron, "is part of entirely convincing evidence that the old régime in Germany is still alive and

carrying on a well-defined plan to win out of the Bolshevik chaos everything it set out to win by the war." Germany's interest in Russia's Bolshevism was also emphasized by Mr. David R. Francis, who went to Russia as American Ambassador in 1916,



THE PIED PIPER.

—Orr in the Chicago Tribune.

before the overthrow of the monarchy, and remained there until after the Bolsheviks had seized the government. "If this Bolshevik government remains in control of Russia peace in Europe is, in my opinion, impossible," he assured the Overman committee, and added: "Germany will exploit Russia if this disorder continues, and instead of having lost the war Germany will win, and in ten years she will be stronger than she was in August, 1914." Other striking points in his testimony are thus summarized by a Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune:

"The object of the Bolsheviks is a world-wide revolution. Conditions in Russia prove that this would mean a return to utter barbarism.

"They are conducting a propaganda for this purpose in all countries, sending money to America to carry it on.

"No peace with the Bolsheviks is possible, since they are maintaining a constant war on humanity.

"The Germans have more actual economic power in parts of Russia controlled by the Bolsheviks than they have ever had before, even in the heyday of their power under the Czar.

"The Bolsheviks were and are German agents, taking German money and helping the Germans, tho this is because they believe it will further their revolution rather than because of pro-Germanism.

"Lenine is a sincere fanatic—Trotzky an adventurer.

"The Kerensky Government could have reorganized Russia and continued to help against Germany if it had not been for the Bolsheviks.

"If Russia had not failed in her obligations to her Allies the war would have been won a year sooner, saving hundreds of thousands of lives.

"The Bolshevik leaders are anti-American, tho they have been less violent against Americans, hoping for recognition.

"The influx of thousands of Russian repatriates from America did much to destroy Russia, and many of these men are powerful in the present Russian Government.

"The Bolsheviks control only a piece of territory about 500 miles wide by 1,000 miles long and 40,000,000 out of Russia's

180,000,000 inhabitants. They have the support of not over 10 per cent. of the people in this territory.

"They maintain themselves by terror—they have to kill people to last."

"They have suppress free speech, the press, and personal liberty.

"They have held no honest elections, and do not permit local control of the local Soviets.

"They have looted beyond all calculation.

"They have published decrees nationalizing women, and if these have not been enforced, as they say, they have nevertheless enforced laws on marriage and divorce which are below barbaric standards.

"Industry is utterly paralyzed.

"The country is dying of starvation.

"The Bolsheviks have an army of increasing strength, based on mercenary Chinese and Letts, men enlisted by promises of loot and food and men driven in by force.

"Women and children are held as hostages to make such men remain with the Red Army.

"They were guilty of the basest treachery to the Czechoslovaks, at German command.

"If the Allied troops are withdrawn there will be the most horrible massacres in the territory now held by them."

More than one Bolshevik sympathizer in this country urged the Overman committee to call Col. Raymond Robins, who as head of the American Red Cross Mission in Russia had had many dealings with the Bolshevik Government, and who in some quarters was regarded as friendly to it. What he had to say was, therefore, awaited with special interest. It developed that while he regards the stories of Bolshevik atrocities as greatly exaggerated, and does not believe Lenine and Trotzky to be pro-German, he nevertheless sees in Bolshevism a grave menace to the democracy of the world, a "fundamental menace." More-



"FOOLING THE COP."

—Evans in the Baltimore American.

over, he says, it is "economically impossible and morally wrong." Thus, remarks the New York World, "out of the mouth of their favorite witness our parlor Bolshevik stand refuted." Summing up his testimony, he said:

"There is a menace in Bolshevism so much greater, so much

deeper, than the people with the 7 per cent. brains have seen and told, so much worse than any mere pro-Germanism, that I feel we should use every power of civilization to understand and combat it.

"There has been an attempt made to establish a government based on class hatred. It is economically impossible and morally



WHY PEACE MUST HASTEN.

—Kirby in the New York World.

wrong. The leaders have had in Russia a most extraordinary laboratory for the carrying on of this vast experiment, and it has failed.

"Lenine said to me that it probably would fail in Russia, but he declared they would keep the flame burning there until the world blazed up. 'It will come first in Bulgaria, and she will stop fighting. It will spread. And when you see a Soviet ruling in Berlin remember that it was the little man who told you in the Kremlin who started the world conflagration.' That was in January, more than a year ago.

"He challenged the world. 'You think America is immune,' he told me. 'But your Government lacks integrity. Your representatives are really elected for hidden economic reasons. You should put Schwab or Gary in Congress to represent your iron interests instead of lawyers. We will put in the real producers, but not parasites, and we are going to challenge the world with a producers' republic. We may be overwhelmed, but not before we have destroyed all such governments.'

"That is the real menace. It is not the criminals. Its decrees will destroy production and create class terror. It is a challenge to the Christian civilization of the world. I believe in political democracy and in the Christian conscience, and they are challenged as they have never before been. And I believe America is the only nation that can meet the issue and save them. No European nation has the cohesion, the faith, to act to-day.

"But mere force is a failure against an idea, tho I would use force unhesitatingly against violence. You can not put out ideas with bayonets. The only answer to a demand for a better human life is a better human life.

"Either Germany will dominate Russia, or we will," he said, and he urged us to forestall Germany's economic penetration by economic cooperation. In a Washington dispatch we read:

"The witness said the United States should send an economic mission to Russia to aid the people in obtaining the necessities of life, declaring this would be the most effective way of fighting Bolshevism.

"To combat Bolshevism in this country, Mr. Robins urged that the people be allowed to know the truth about its 'false teachings,' and that existing evils in American economies and social life be remedied by law. Publicity, he added, would prompt the repudiation of Bolshevism.

"The Bolsheviki do not desire recognition by the United States, Mr. Robins testified, but they would welcome assistance in restoring the economic life of the country. He explained that the Bolshevik leaders feel that their position as international revolutionaries would be weakened by formal treaties with other governments. Asserting Lenine preferred cooperation with America rather than Germany, Mr. Robins said that unless this country took the lead in peaceable restoration of Russia, Germany inevitably would obtain a new foothold."

When Senator Overman returned to the subject of Bolshevik propaganda in America and asked what Mr. Robins would do to stop it, he replied:

"If this committee will make a report setting forth just what Bolshevism is, I am sure that the vast majority of American minds would repudiate it utterly. If this is followed by intelligent legislation to correct what is wrong in our civilization it would wipe out the breeding spots of unrest. The I. W. W., for instance, and such things, always spring from some economic wrong. Take away the three fears of the workers—the fear of unemployment, of disaster, and of old age and premature death, then you will have for him a land that is worth living in and that he will know and feel is worth fighting for."

In a letter to President Wilson, dated December 24, 1918, Maxim Litvinoff, "late representative for Great Britain of the Russian Federative Republic," complained that the Bolshevik Government has been given no opportunity to put its case fully before the Allied nations. Urging the President "impartially to weigh and investigate into the one-sided accusations against Soviet Russia, to come to an understanding with the Soviet Government, to withdraw the foreign troops from Russian territory, and to raise the economic blockade," Mr. Litvinoff went on to say:

"The chief aim of the Soviets is to secure for the toiling ma-



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—Evans in the Baltimore American.

jority of Russian people economic liberty, without which political liberty is of no avail to them. For eight months the Soviets endeavored to realize their aims by peaceful methods without resorting to violence, adhering to the abolition of capital

punishment, which abolition had been part of their program. It was only when their adversaries, the minority of the Russian people, took to terroristic acts against popular members of the Government and invoked the help of foreign troops that the laboring masses were driven to acts of exasperation and gave vent to their wrath and bitter feelings against their former oppressors. For Allied invasion of Russian territory not only compelled the *Soviets* against their own will to militarize the country anew and to divert their energies and resources so necessary to the economic reconstruction of Russia, exhausted by four years of war, to the defense of the country, but also cut off the vital sources of foodstuffs and raw material, exposing the population to most terrible privation bordering on starvation.

"I wish to emphasize that the so-called red terror, which is grossly exaggerated and misrepresented abroad, was not the cause but the direct outcome and result of Allied intervention. . . .

"The dictatorship of toilers and producers is not an aim in itself but the means of building up a new social system under which useful work and equal rights would be provided for all citizens irrespective of classes to which they had formerly belonged."

This letter was printed on March 3, in *The Weekly Bulletin* of the Bureau of Information on Soviet Russia, New York City, with the statement that it had "never been made public in America."

One pro-Bolshevik witness before the Overman committee admitted that Bolshevism had failed in many ways to live up to its promises, but insisted that it was the spirit that counted. This was Frank Keddle, a Scotch conscientious objector who has been working in Russia for the Society of Friends. The *New York Tribune* quotes him as saying: "Bolshevism is simply that it shall be impossible for the rich man, or the clever man, or the workingman, no matter how hard he works, to dominate to an injurious extent any other man. What is going on in Russia is the only great constructive movement in the world to-day."

We find Charles Edward Russell and John Spargo, two Socialist leaders who supported the war against Germany, agreeing with the spokesman of a great corporation, the National Cash Register Company, that the world may have to choose between a League of Nations and Bolshevism. In a broadside issued by the Cash Register Company we read: "Civilization has put down militarism. We must now have a League of Nations to put down the greater enemy, Bolshevism." Mr. Russell, just back from Paris, is quoted as saying that failure to consummate a League of Nations, coupled with economic distress and the preaching of Bolshevism, would bid fair to result in the overthrow of all government in Europe. And Mr. Spargo says:

"It can not be too strongly stressed that failure to adopt the proposed plan for a League of Nations, in substance if not in all its details, will make Bolshevik uprisings in England, France, and Italy, as well as in other countries. When I was in Europe last summer this was the conviction I gathered from conversations with working-class leaders everywhere I went. One of the ablest men in England—a labor-leader and member of Parliament of long experience—said to me: 'If we get a fairly satisfactory, workable League of Nations, things will move along the lines of evolution. If we don't get that we shall be rushed into the hell of violent Bolshevism, and our Bolshevism will be more terrible than the Russian original.'"

HOW ST. MIHIEL TESTED OUR ARMY

OUR SOLDIERS MADE GOOD at Cantigny, Chateau-Thierry, and Belleau Wood, and they contributed to the success of Marshal Foch's counter-offensive of July, 1918, but when the Hun had been finally turned back from Paris, the new American Army had its chance to prove its worth as a great modern fighting force. As a result of our St. Mihiel offensive, in the words of General Pershing's report, the Allies found "they had a formidable army to aid them, and the enemy learned finally that he had one to reckon with."

On August 10, General Pershing organized the American First Army. On August 30, the line beginning at Port-sur-Seille, east of the Moselle, and extending to the west through St. Mihiel, thence north to a point opposite Verdun, was placed under General Pershing's command. This included a French corps at the point of the salient and another on the heights above Verdun.

As General Pershing notes, the work of preparation included the secret concentration of 600,000 men, "the assembling of divisions, corps, and army artillery, transports, aircraft, tanks, ambulances, the location of hospitals," and the accumulation of supplies. The French lent guns and gunners. The French Independent Air Force and the British bombing squadrons with our own air forces made "the largest assembly of aviation that had ever been engaged in one operation on the Western Front."

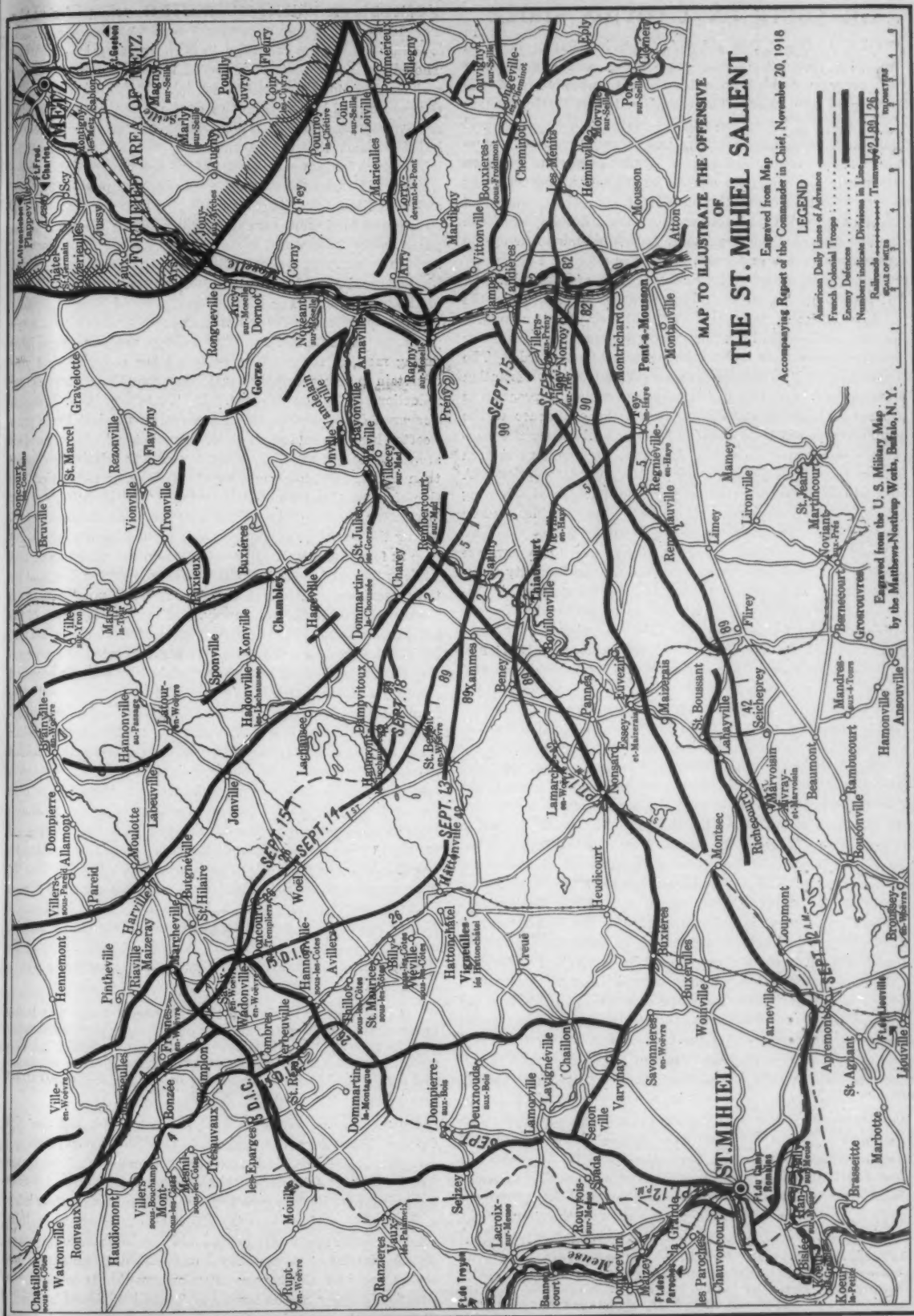
The map on the opposite page, sent to THE LITERARY DIGEST by General Pershing, shows the original forty-mile line held by the Americans and their French auxiliaries, the ground taken each day, and the positions finally

reached. From east to west were Major-General Liggett's First Corps (82d, 90th, 5th, and 2d Divisions) and Major-General Dickman's Fourth Corps (89th, 42d, and 1st Divisions), which were to swing toward Vigneulles on the Moselle as a pivot; the 2d French Colonial Corps and Major-General Cameron's Fifth Corps (26th and 4th United States Divisions and a French division), which were to push in the west side of the salient. Six American divisions were in reserve. General Pershing relates that after four hours' artillery preparation the seven American divisions in the front line advanced at 5 A.M. on September 12, aided by a few tanks. They went through the enemy's barbed wire and trench system "in irresistible waves on schedule time."

The map will supplement General Pershing's very brief account and enable our readers to understand how well each unit accomplished its task. To quote General Pershing:

"Our First Corps took Thiaucourt, while our Fourth Corps curved back to the southwest through Nonsard; the Second Colonial French Corps made the slight advance required of it on very difficult ground, and the Fifth Corps took its three ridges. . . . A rapid march brought reserve regiments of a division of the Fifth Corps into Vigneulles in the early morning, where it linked up with patrols of our Fourth Corps, closing the salient and forming a new line west of Thiaucourt to Vigneulles and beyond Fresnes-en-Woëvre. At the cost of only 7,000 casualties, mostly light, we had taken 16,000 prisoners and 443 guns, a great quantity of material, released the inhabitants of many villages from enemy domination, and established our lines in a position to threaten Metz."





THE SOUTH ON A COTTON STRIKE.

SILK AND SATINS will no longer be luxuries as compared with cotton when the price-raising and crop-reducing program decided upon by the cotton-producers of the South goes into effect. The campaign is formidable enough; every county in the cotton-growing States, it is reported, held "safe-and-sane-cotton" meetings in February to secure "reduction pledges" from the farmers. Bankers and business men throughout the South are said to be behind the farmers. At the recent cotton convention in New Orleans, the Governor of Louisiana presided and former Governor Manning of South Carolina presented the resolutions, "which bid fair to tie up the consumer of cotton in a knot, so far as prices are concerned," says a paper in the great cotton-null region of Massachusetts. The plan is, in the words of leaders of the movement, for the Southern cotton-growers, first, to "hold their present crop until they can sell it for at least thirty-cents a pound basis middling; secondly, reduce their 1919 cotton-acreage by one-third." The convention at New Orleans unanimously adopted a resolution branding any man refusing to cooperate with this program as "so lacking in public spirit as to forfeit the confidence of the community in which he lives." Popular backing for the campaign is demonstrated by the fact that for months Southern farmers have been holding their cotton for better prices. A recent issue of *Cotton* (Atlanta) publishes photographs showing bales of cotton stored along sidewalks, by the roadsides, and on the court-house square in one Georgia county seat.

Those who have been waiting for cotton prices to go down are warned by a paid advertisement of the Cotton Publicity Committee that "The Price of Cotton Is Not Going Down." According to this statement, cotton can not be produced at present prices and allow farmers the right kind of livelihood. The program outlined above is "infallible," we are told, and "a nine-million-bale crop for 1919 is all the South will offer to the world." Buyers of cotton goods are told to "buy now." Manufacturers are warned that if they do not "pay the Southern farmer enough for his cotton, he will reduce his cotton-production still further, and the whole manufacturing industry will be threatened."

Instead of the pleading of Southerners for every one to "buy a bale of cotton," which we heard a few years ago, it seems to the *Lowell Courier-Citizen* that soon the begging will "come from the Northern manufacturer for the Southern planter to 'sell a bale of cotton.'" Speaking for the New England textile cities, the *Lowell* paper calls the course of the planters "high-handed in the extreme" and a "deliberate manipulation of prices by cornering the supply." The *Boston Post* thinks the "cotton-hold-up" movement is "obviously one for the Department of Justice to watch closely, and if it is to be found a conspiracy to extort abnormal prices, action should be taken." To *The Post* "thirty cents for cotton, which in normal times sells for around twelve to fourteen cents, looks like extortion." It reminds the cotton-growers that "theirs was the one basic commodity whose price was not regulated by the Government during the war," and asks whether after their "years of tremendous prosperity" they are now to act the part of the "beggar ahorseback"? The *Toledo Blade*, published in a community which is not vitally interested in either cotton-growing or cotton-manufacturing, speaks for the Northern consumer by declaring that the cotton-farmers "are hurting the entire world for the sake of a few extra dollars in their pockets." It admits that "the growers have us by the nape of our cotton neck-band, and they propose to twist it." As *The Blade* explains the reason for the movement—

"In 1910 raw cotton was worth \$1.455 per pound. It slumped in 1913, 1914, and 1915. In 1916 it went up to \$.1875. In 1917 to \$.2875. In 1918 it went to \$.30 and better. The present price is around 22 cents per pound. It is this slump, following the armistice and the check on military demands for cotton, that disturbs our Southern brethren."

Opinion in the South, to judge from replies to inquiries sent by THE LITERARY DIGEST to editors of representative newspapers, is solidly behind the campaign to keep up the price of cotton. The editors assert that conditions in the cotton-growing States make such a move absolutely essential. The *Raleigh News and Observer*, owned by the Secretary of the Navy, admits that the acreage-reduction move is equivalent to "going on strike," but it contends that the cotton-farmer who has never received a fair return for his unremitting toil has now started a movement which "will make the cotton belt a region of prosperity." In another editorial Secretary Daniels's paper argues that the substitution of food crops for cotton will be doing a service to the public, since "the world is crying for fats now, but does not seem to be worrying for cotton." In South Carolina the *Columbia State and Record* and the *Charleston American* are all back of the movement. The *Charleston News and Courier* explains that one justification for it lies in the fact that whereas a few years ago the South had a surplus of cheap, easily managed labor during most of the year, at present labor is high "and very uncertain in all respects," so that labor conditions alone call for reduction of cotton-acreage. In Tennessee, the *Memphis Commercial Appeal* tells us that except for the last three years "cotton has been sold at a loss for thirty years." Even now, we are told, "cotton at thirty cents a pound is relatively cheaper than wheat, corn, hogs, and hay." This daily notes that outside of the cotton regions it is regarded "as the height of selfishness for the South to seek to raise the price of cotton by reducing the acreage, thereby getting as much money for a small crop as for a big crop." But outsiders do not understand that "this is the only remedy that a single-crop region has, and for the present we must adopt this remedy" and not "add to the already glut of the cotton-supply." The *News-Scimitar* of the same city is also behind the movement, and *The Press* notes that besides the need for a fair price "the absolute need of crop rotation to save millions of acres impoverished by a single crop and poor agricultural methods is of the utmost importance." The *Nashville Southern Agriculturist*, noting that a twelve-million-bale crop will bring in as much money as a fifteen-million-bale crop, and considerably more than a crop of seventeen million bales, asks if it would not be the height of folly "to produce a seventeen-million-bale crop." The *Atlanta Constitution* even asserts that ten million bales are worth more to the producers than fifteen million, and insists that the matter of holding out for thirty cents is "simply a question of not selling a thing for less than it is worth." The *Southern Ruralist*, published in the same city, emphasizes the fact that "a small crop has always brought more money than a large one." The *Jacksonville Florida Times-Union* strongly supports the movement for keeping cotton prices up, as do the *Mobile Register* and *Birmingham Age Herald* in Alabama. The *Birmingham Progressive Farmer* declares that—

"If the South is to show the world, once for all, that it will never again make cotton on the old cheap-wages basis while men in all other lines get high wages, then it should 'go on a strike' against present prices by cutting acreage to a minimum, and make spinners in Europe and America beg for a 9,000,000- or 10,000,000-bale crop next season."

Papers like the *Meridian Star*, in Mississippi, and the *New Orleans Times-Picayune* and *Item* and *Shreveport Times*, in Louisiana, are strong backers of the cotton-growers' campaign. The *Shreveport* daily insists that "the South merely is endeavoring to insure to its farmers a fair and living return on their labors and crop." *Modern Farming* (New Orleans), an agricultural weekly, circulating in Mississippi and Louisiana, strongly backs up the statements of the daily papers in these two States, and makes much of the crop-rotation argument. It is said that practically every cotton-farmer in Texas has signed a written pledge for the reduction of cotton-acreage by one-third, and we

naturally find the movement supported by dailies like the *Austin American*, *Dallas Times-Herald*, and *Houston Southland Farmer*. The *Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News* declares that—

"Another large cotton crop heaped upon the present undigested half of the 1918 crop would, without any question or shadow of doubt, demoralize prices to such an extent that cotton-farmers would be reduced to the lowest economic level they have experienced in years. . . . To keep the price up, the supply must be kept down. It's as simple as shoe-strings."

TASKS FOR THE NEW CONGRESS

IF THERE IS ENOUGH IMPORTANT and pressing work "to keep Congress busy during every legislative hour of perhaps the next five years," as has been remarked, demands for an early calling of an extra session are natural enough. The country's business needs an extra session very soon, declares the *Boston News Bureau*. Prompt and satisfactory disposition of the legislative tasks left by the late Congress, says the *Boston Christian Science Monitor*, "will have much to do with the restoration of normal conditions, the maintenance of industrial peace, and the furtherance of national, and even international, prosperity." Another independent journal, the *Washington Post*, calls upon President Wilson to convene Congress in extra session by May 1, "whether he shall have concluded his business abroad or not," and advises Congressmen to come to Washington "prepared to transact the business of the Government without delay." It asks:

"Why should discussion of the League of Nations embarrass the administration of the transportation system of the country and threaten a serious financial condition? Why should it detain soldiers in the military service in Europe when they are needed at home and their families are praying for their early return? Why should a dispute be permitted to upset the whole legislative machinery of the Government, block necessary appropriations, and delay the imperative shifting of the business of the country to a peace basis?"

The *New York Times* points out that the Administration is trying to solve the problems created by the failure of Congress to act on important measures. It notes that four classes of bills were held up. There is the Deficiency Bill with appropriations for immediate money needs and expenditures during the present fiscal year, including \$750,000,000 for the railroads. There are the bills carrying appropriations for the next fiscal year. If Congress meets by June 1, there will be time to pass these bills by the end of the month, but all executive plans and programs are left "up in the air." Thirdly, there are the bills which may be considered part of the reconstruction program. If these could be put through soon ways would be opened up for the early employment of many men, and the menace of the unemployment problem would be relieved. Fourthly, there is a long list of regulative measures relating to the transition period between war and peace.

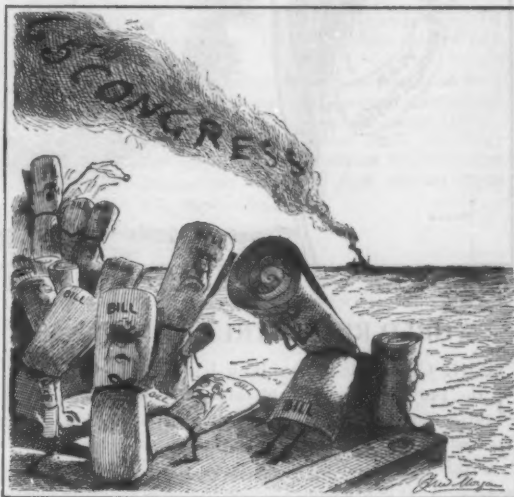
Director-General Hines is planning to find money for the railroads by loans from the banks and the War Finance Corporation to tide over the period until Congress meets. The harm done by the failure of the Army and Navy bills is that each department is left without a policy and that this vitally affects the thousands of men in the service who want to get out as soon as possible. As *The Times* notes:

"In the Army the uncertainty carries the heaviest consequences. There are two chief ones: first, as to the size of the Army; secondly, as to the reestablishment of a National Guard. There is no law under which the War Department can recruit an army to exceed 175,000; the bill that was lost provided for a volunteer army of 500,000, and in the expectation that it would become a law the War Department had been taking the names and holding in the service those men who desired to become members of the volunteer forces. From this body were to come the men who may have to constitute our force in Europe for some time to come. The plan of the War Department, had the

measure gone through, was to bring home by July 1 about 915,000 men of the 1,500,000 now in France. Those who desired to become a part of the volunteer army would have remained. Now demobilization on this basis is held up; what policy will be followed in the interim has not yet been determined.

"National Guard plans are left dangling just as loosely."

In the Navy "both the building program and the size of the personnel are left in doubt." More immediately disastrous, several editors note, is the fact that it is expected that the United States Employment Service, which was organized to find places for discharged soldiers and sailors and to look after the general demobilization of war-workers, will not be able to con-



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THE BILLS THEY LEFT BEHIND THEM.

—Morgan in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

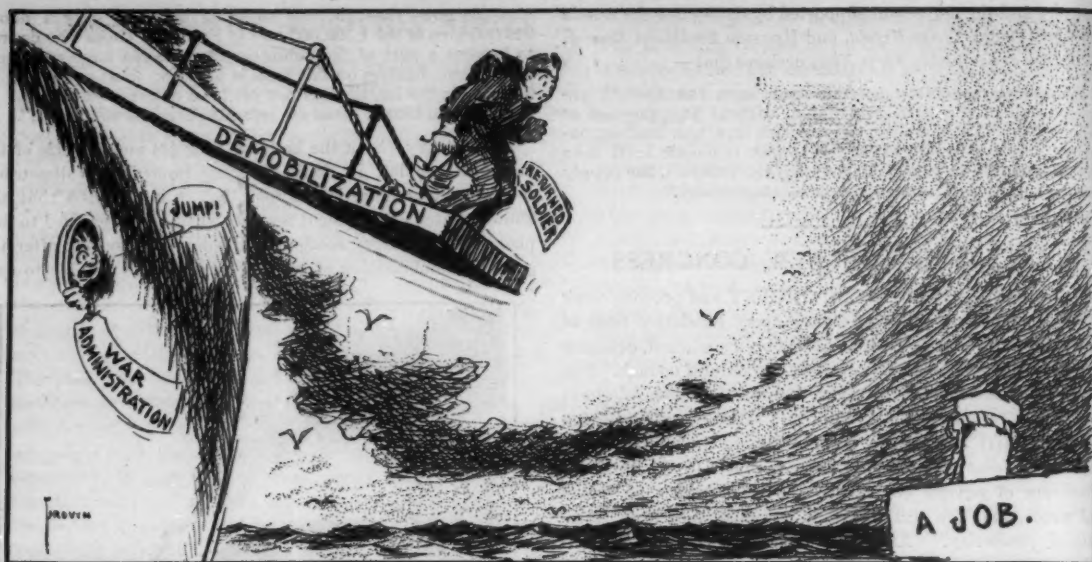
tinue longer than the end of the month on account of the failure of the emergency appropriation to get through.

With billions of dollars to appropriate and with all the problems of reconstruction to solve, the new Congress, whenever it meets, must show, as the *Boston News Bureau* observes, "a sane economy, without chaise-paring; and far more important, a constructive spirit inclined and able to shape the works of reconstruction and expansion." In the West, Senator Capper's *Weekly* (Topeka) repeats the demand for economy, as does the *Houston Post* in the South.

Republicans will control both houses, and are making committee assignments so as to be ready to take charge of legislation whenever the session is called. In the House, Mr. Gillett, of Massachusetts, will be Speaker, and Mr. Fordney, of Michigan, and Mr. Mondell, of Wyoming, will probably be respectively Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and floor leader. Failure of the Republicans to abolish the old seniority rule has disappointed many Progressives and has drawn a spirited protest from Congressman Longworth, Colonel Roosevelt's son-in-law.

The *Boston Herald* points out how necessary it is that the Republicans "should set themselves to the formulation of a definite policy, especially on matters of internal reconstruction." As it continues:

"The future of the railroads, the question of our permanent military and naval establishment, the task of raising large revenues and reducing the war-debt, these and other questions of great importance will come before the Republicans of Congress for their solution. They owe it to the party to see that these problems are faced in no purely partizan spirit, but in a sane and constructive manner. It is for them in this way to determine what the issues will be at the Presidential election of 1920."



POOR SERVICE.

—Brown in the Chicago Daily News.

WORLD-RECONSTRUCTION PLANS

SOME CRITICISM has been leveled in this country at the provisions, or lack of them, that have been made to give work to discharged soldiers, and to tide over our industries and our labor from a war- to a peace-basis. To aid in this readjustment, the Council of National Defense at Washington has issued a most instructive compilation of measures other countries are taking to meet the world-wide emergency, and at the same time we have received from Canada an official publication entitled "From War to Peace," sketching the admirable reconstruction policies of the Dominion. Our Council of National Defense prepares a daily bulletin of reconstruction news, which is regularly laid before all departments of the Government, so that each department may be acquainted with the activities of every other, and may know what problems have arisen, what measures have been taken, what has been disclosed by investigations not only in the United States, but all over the world. It is not the business of the Council of National Defense to outline policies. But, through its Reconstruction Research Division, it has been working to ascertain what the world is thinking and doing about readjustment and reconstruction, thus obtaining data which are at the service of those national and State agencies that shall be charged with the tasks of devising and executing constructive programs.

The nature of part of the "Reconstruction Information" already gathered by the Council is indicated in one of its compilations, a digest of "Articles in Official and Private Periodicals Concerning Reconstruction and Readjustment Activities in Foreign Countries." Of this information, that portion which relates to problems that parallel our own is naturally of the greatest interest to American readers.

Our neighbor to the north is solving her problems in a way that has won much admiration, especially in the return and repatriation of soldiers, the care of the wounded, the relief of dependents of the killed or disabled, and associated matters. Canada appears to have been especially forehanded in this field, and has embodied a survey of its repatriative plans in the official publication mentioned above, entitled "From War to Peace."

At the time of the armistice there were in England and France 286,000 troops to be returned to Canada. The original plans, limited by the amount of shipping available, called for the return of 20,000 in December, the same number in January, and

30,000 in February and each of the succeeding months. It is now hoped that in the spring and summer, after the reopening of the St. Lawrence to navigation, the rate of return may be increased to 45,000 monthly. In demobilization, the fighting corps, consisting of the four divisions at the front, is being brought back as units, so that the Canadian committees are able to give a welcome to their home battalions. Through a system of exchanges, each battalion has been reconstituted so as to consist of men from one given area. Thus all the Toronto infantrymen, for example, will be brought back in the Toronto battalions. The rest of the Army is to be demobilized on the "standard-draft" plan. Thus, we read,

"The men are assembled in concentration-camps in England in drafts of five hundred. Each of these drafts is composed of men who have signified their intention of going to the same dispersal area, Canada having been divided for this purpose into twenty-two such areas. Each soldier chooses the area to which he wishes to go. In making up the drafts long-service men will be given the preference over those who have served a shorter time and married men will have priority over single men. This will be the order of precedence followed, unless definite requests come from Canada for men trained in certain occupations. In other words, industrial and labor conditions in Canada may be taken into consideration in making up the drafts. After the drafts are made up, the men are divided into twenty-three occupational groups according to a standard classification which has been agreed upon.

"A monthly cable, stating the number of men on strength classified into the twenty-three occupational groups, is sent from England to Canadian military headquarters. Canada in turn indents for troops from England, being guided by industrial conditions affecting the various dispersal areas. Just prior to sailing, a cable is sent from England, stating how many men are coming, their occupations, and the dispersal areas to which they are going. In this way, arrangements can be made to handle the men, care for them, and find employment for them.

"Before a man leaves England, he is medically examined, and his medical and dental documents, as well as his discharge papers, are made out. All delay in Canada over these details is therefore avoided.

"While the men are awaiting their return, they are naturally anxious to know just what Canada is going to do for them and what arrangements have been made for their reestablishment into civil life. Arrangements have been made to provide them with this information. Shortly after the signing of the armistice, Major Anderson was dispatched to England by the Information and Service Branch of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Reestablishment. Major Anderson took with him 350,000 questionnaire cards, asking among other things for the soldier's

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previous occupation, the occupation which he now prefers, and the locality in which he intends to settle. These cards are to be filled out by a personal canvass of all our men overseas. The information is then to be compiled and sent to Canada for the guidance of officials."

Elaborate arrangements have been made for the care and entertainment of the men while on the transports, and their reception and housing at the ports of debarkation—Halifax and St. John during the winter, and also Quebec and Montreal during the ice-free months. These arrangements are carried out by a citizens' welcoming committee with the cooperation of such bodies as the Y. M. C. A., the Knights of Columbus, the Canadian Red Cross, and the Salvation Army. Further:

"No time is lost in transferring the men from boat to train. The day after the armistice was signed a conference of railway heads was called in Ottawa and a committee of experts appointed to coordinate and direct the work of transporting the troops so as to eliminate all unnecessary delays and insure the greatest possible comfort for the men.

"This permanent transportation committee, representing the C. P. R., G. T. R., and the Canadian National Railways, arranges for special trains to meet every transport. These troop-trains consist of colonist, tourist, commissariat, and

standard sleeping- and dining-cars. On board each train is a permanent train-conducting staff, which is responsible for discipline, messing, etc., and representatives of the Y. M. C. A. and Knights of Columbus, who render all possible assistance to the men on their journey, giving information, sending telegrams, mailing letters, etc."

In case of stop-overs or unavoidable delays, there are barracks and ample food-supplies at specified divisional points.

As already stated, Canada has been divided, for demobilization purposes, into twenty-two dispersal areas, the principal city in each area being the dispersal station—as Halifax for all of Nova Scotia and Quebec and Montreal for the two areas of the Province of Quebec. On arrival at the dispersal stations, we are told—

"Men who have been sick *en route* are immediately received by the District Depot for medical treatment and receive pay as part of that unit.

"All other men fall in alphabetically and are paraded to a military depot, where, under one roof with passage throughout the building, will be arranged the offices of the Ordnance Officer, the Soldiers' Civil Reestablishment Dispersal Staff, the Paymaster, the Officer Commanding the dispersal station, and the Railway Agent. Each man can thus pass quickly from

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TOPICS IN BRIEF

ONE cause of the bone-dry victory was the bone-head opposition.—*Brooklyn Eagle*.

BLOOD and iron having failed, they will try soft-soap and whine.—*Greenville Piedmont*.

ALL general deficiency bills in future should contain salaries of Senators.—*Wall Street Journal*.

THE Senate's chief objection to the League idea is that Wilson is a Democrat.—*Greenville Piedmont*.

THE farmers who work only from sun-up to dark shouldn't care a hoot what the clock says about anything.—*Pittsburg Dispatch*.

THE world will be full of a number of drinks
No matter what William H. Anderson thinks.

—*Brooklyn Eagle*.

THOSE friends who are urging the President to introduce the Irish question in the Paris Conference do not seem to understand that the President is trying to bring about peace.—*Houston Post*.

THESE father-and-son banquets are a great improvement on the conferences the two used to have in the woodshed.—*St. Joseph Gazette*.

TROUBLE will start when the returned hero suggests giving the first girl baby a certain French name.—*Greenville Piedmont*.

As the time for presenting the Allies' bill for reparation draws nearer, Germany shows increasing signs of insanity.—*Brooklyn Eagle*.

THE Hun was licked because there were too many nations against him. He may get off light now for the same reason.—*Greenville Piedmont*.

THE Kaiser is said to be broke. Even if that is so, he should cheer up in the knowledge that so are a lot of better men.—*Newark News*.

THE way Chicago renominated Mayor Thompson makes it look as if it were proud of being the sixth German city in the world.—*Indianapolis News*.

THIS theory that the removal of the Kaiser changed the criminal nature of the Hun seems to indicate that Bill is some sort of adenoid.—*Greenville Piedmont*.

THE piece Mr. Wilson assigned to Miss Columbia on the Peace Conference program was, "Keep the Home Fires Burning," but she is developing an annoying habit of humming out loud, "Where Is My Wandering Boy, To-night?"—*Philadelphia North American*.

THE ex-Kaiser is still at large; unwept, unhonored, and unhung.—*Brooklyn Eagle*.

JOHN BARLEYCORN has lost his place in the sun, but he has his moon-shine still.—*Greenville Piedmont*.

IN place of rail-splitters in American politics, we now have hair-splitters.—*Long Island City Star*.

FOCH wept when he signed the armistice. The Huns weep every time he signs an extension.—*Greenville Piedmont*.

HARMONIOUS nations brought the Hun to his knees. Inharmonious notions may let him up again.—*Greenville Piedmont*.

BLACK, red, and gold for Germany's national flag. "Black," ventures Baldy, "for their future, red for their past, and gold for the indemnities they must pay."—*Chicago Tribune*.

SOUTHERNERS who fear an over-production of cotton this year have our consent to plant watermelons instead, but we don't suppose they will without a guaranty of \$5 a slice.—*Kansas City Star*.

THE Jap says he is proud of his record in the Pacific. Sure. But pride isn't a valid title to real estate.—*Greenville Piedmont*.

FORD calls his paper *The Dearborn Independent* because its birth cost so much and it can run without subscribers or advertisers.—*Jacksonville Florida Times-Union*.

BEFORE these tight skirts came in we used to send missionaries to China to see that the feet of the little Chinese girls were unbound so they could walk.—*Indianapolis News*.

IT would seem, from reading of the revolutions and assassinations in Germany, that in setting up their republic the Germans had selected the Mexican republic as a model.—*Houston Post*.

IT is announced that the new German Government plans to take over the telephone and telegraph-wires. But it has shown that it can't handle the Poles.—*Nashville Southern Lumberman*.

WHEN you see a middle-aged man tilting his cigar so high that the ash rubs the rim of his derby you may know that his boy has just got home from France.—*Philadelphia Evening Ledger*.

FORMER President Taft says it is the duty of the United States to become a member of the family of nations. If Europe has the power to force us into war willy-nilly, then Uncle Sam must get a little power to keep Europe out of war willy-nilly.—*Houston Post*.



WE ARE THANKFUL THAT THIS FELLOW
ISN'T COLLECTING OUR INCOME TAX.

—Fitzpatrick in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

FOREIGN - COMMENT

WHEN ENGLAND'S NAVY WAS UNPREPARED

CONFLICT OF OPINION on Lord Jellicoe's action at the battle of Jutland is roused into new heat by the appearance of his book on the naval history of the war during his term in command of the fleet, from which we printed excerpts on page 76 of *THE LITERARY DIGEST* for March 8. The London press seem divided in praise or blame of him, but all observers are alarmed by his revelations of the status of the British Navy at the outbreak of the war. The *London Spectator*



JOHN BULL HAULS IN THE GERMAN NEPTUNE.

—D. Quixote (Rio de Janeiro).

infers from Lord Jellicoe's book that "if the enemy had had sufficient enterprise, his submarines might have entered our bases almost at any time in the early part of the war and sunk a large part of the Grand Fleet." The *London Pall Mall Gazette* is amazed that Britain's battle-cruisers were "inadequately protected against shell, torpedo, and mine," and that the number of destroyers which could be allotted to the Grand Fleet was less than the number which the Germans were able to employ against it. But this was not all. Germany possessed an armor-piercing shell which "penetrated through the interior of the ship it struck before exploding, while ours either exploded on contact or as it was passing through protecting armor." Moreover, German search-lights were superior to those in the British Navy, it now appears, and they had star-shells of high illuminating power, of which the British had none. That the British Fleet escaped disaster, *The Pall Mall Gazette* adds, was "due mainly to good fortune, and the country will demand immediately assurances that the Admiralty is alive to the danger of inadequate preparation, and that in future our matériel will be second to none."

These disclosures, in the view of some onlookers, offer the best explanation of Lord Jellicoe's defensive strategy at the battle of Jutland, about which, remarks the *London Times*, there can never be such a controversy as there was about the battle of Trafalgar. After more than a century, it is recalled, the Ad-

miralty appointed a committee to decide whether the battle of Trafalgar was fought in accordance with the original intentions of Nelson or not. Lord Jellicoe writes not in the least a defense, according to this journal, for no defense is needed, but he gives "a very frank, seamanlike, and entirely modest and straightforward explanation." He has been "widely blamed for his cautious tactics and failure to destroy the German Fleet," observes the *Belfast Northern Whig*, and while it is clear that by temperament Lord Jellicoe belongs to the defensive type of strategists, still it must be remembered that—

"In the case of the Jutland battle, however, it is only fair to state that his decision to break off the engagement owing to the approach of darkness was approved by Admiral Beatty, who certainly does not belong to the defensive school of tactics. Altho Lord Jellicoe makes no express charges against any one, it is evident that he was not always properly supported by the Admiralty. Only after urgent demands did he get the assistance of Beatty's Battle-Cruiser Squadron at the action in the Helgoland Bight. During the Jutland battle Commodore Tyrwhitt's squadron lay idle at Harwich when its aid might have been invaluable. Jellicoe's proposal to attack Zeebrugge in 1914 was also rejected, only to be adopted long afterward when the defenses were far stronger; while, on the other hand, some of the Whitehall strategists made the Churchillian proposal to attack the tremendous defenses of Helgoland—a plan as foolish as the bombardment of the Dardanelles."

The whole problem at Jutland, says the *Manchester Guardian*, was conditioned by the mist, and it points out that—

"Had the day been clear Lord Jellicoe would have known the exact position both of his own battle-cruisers and of the Germans in ample time to form his line of battle on the starboard side. But as things were, he had to proceed largely by inference and guesswork, and if he was cautious, he was cautious rightly. If, as some say, there be a school in the Navy which would have taken a different course from Lord Jellicoe's, we are relieved that at that moment it was not in charge of the British Fleet."

Severe criticism of Lord Jellicoe's strategy is voiced by Com. Carlyon Bellairs, M.P., who writes in the *London Evening Standard* as a technical expert, and who takes occasion to read a lecture on the management of the British Navy, in which he says the training of its best officers is "wrong." Their judgment is "atrophied in their routine administrative posts," and he adds:

"Here it is worth noting that out of twelve and one-half years prior to assuming the command of the Grand Fleet, Lord Jellicoe spent seven years and ten months in administrative posts in Whitehall, settling details such as von Roon and his staff had to tackle in the sixties for the German Army, but which Moltke and his staff never touched."

"The point is of extreme gravity, for the preparation of leaders on the strategical and tactical sides is far more important than any question of material, and yet the system fostered by our statesmen has been the ruin of many a good sailor."

However we look at the matter, remarks the *London Westminster Gazette*, it must be remembered that the enemy seized the opportunity of darkness to make his escape. The fruits of victory were secured, for the Germans never risked another action, and, according to their own statement by Captain Persius, the German naval expert, this one battle was sufficient to make another out of the question. On this point the *Belfast News-Letter* observes:

"The battle of Jutland was not the victory which the Kaiser proclaimed it to be. It was not all that we wished, but it was a crushing and final defeat for the German Navy, which was as

battered and frightened that it remained inactive at its bases until it came out to make the humiliating surrender which was one of the terms of the armistice. Its cowardice was prudent, for the improvement in our Navy had been so great that, as Lord Jellicoe writes, 'Had the German Fleet come out to battle a terrible punishment awaited it.' Yet men of courage and honor would have faced that fate rather than the shameful end to which it came. When the British people reflect on the decisive part which the Grand Fleet played in the war, they will not forget how much they owe to the distinguished Admiral who was in command of it during the time of our period of greatest danger at sea."

AN INVITATION FROM SOUTH AMERICA

GERMANY'S LOST TRADE in South America on account of the war is gravitating so largely to America that it is becoming the talk of writers in the South-American press, who urge us to hold and increase our trade conquests. We have profited also to a minor extent by England's war preoccupation, but Britain's trade is still enormous there despite the war, and, according to statistics from the Buenos Aires *Prensa*, she still leads the United States in that field. A contributor to this important daily, who is distinctly a free-trader, seizes the occasion to plead with American merchants to abandon their old-time policy of commercial isolation and protectionism. By a pure stroke of fate the war enabled the United States to intervene against the almost complete monopoly of South-American markets by European commerce, he points out, and proceeds:

"News day after day from the great Republic of the North shows the strong desire existing there to swell the commercial currents with foreign lands, especially with South America, and the noble impulse in this direction may be measured by the number and frequency of this sort of news item.

"Not a day goes by but some important person recounts preparations in this direction, and makes prophecies which prove with what enthusiasm the wealth of Latin-American markets is looked upon in the North, as well as the possibilities for commercial development offered by those markets. These, it is quite evident, were not foreseen nor even suspected in the United States. This commercial opportunity has presented itself because of the fact that the nations which for a long time had fostered profitable relations with Latin America and had established themselves in its markets were forced to abandon them on account of the war."

Then follows an arraignment of the protectionist policy of the United States and of the great trusts, which are blamed for our former indifference to Latin-American markets. To quote:

"The history of interchange and production of that great country shows, through its careful and convincing statistics, that not one-tenth of what was produced by its soil and industries went to export, and, in some years, did not even reach one-half that fraction, since the bulk of it was destined to be consumed by the growing population of the country, and, especially, because tariff barriers excluded the currents of merchandise that should have entered in order to be exchanged for native products, in accordance with the well-known universal law of trade.

"This state of affairs, to which we have given the name of commercial isolation, loosened the commercial ties of the United States with the rest of the world to such an extent during the past century of its activity and astounding internal progress that nothing short of an extraordinary and unforeseen event like the colossal war now transforming the map of Europe was needed for Americans to recognize the true value of South-American sources of production and the powerful commercial centers which are now attracting the attention of those at the head of American affairs and of the American people themselves."

Now that the fighting is over and peace is in sight, the contributor to *La Prensa* goes on to say, the European nations that formerly led in the Latin-American market will make a strong bid to recover their commercial possessions. As an indication of what the war has meant to us in a business way on the southern continent, he presents figures on Argentine trade,

on a gold basis with the United States, Germany, and England, before and during the war, which read as follows:

	1883	1913	1917
Trade with the United States . . .	\$8,443,000	\$84,727,000	\$229,354,000
Trade with Germany	11,851,000	129,227,000	294,000
Trade with England	36,652,000	251,254,000	243,831,000

This remarkable change, the writer points out, shows that the United States has leapt almost to first place through the elimination of Germany as a commercial factor in Argentina during the war, while England has managed practically to maintain her previous position, since the figures adduced do not show \$34,000,000 gold exported from Argentina to England. He concludes:

"Such, then, is the result of the protective system which has predominated in the United States, a system which the most eminent Americans have ceaselessly condemned in books tracing



FOR ENGLAND, HOME, AND BEATTY.

"Taking them over to Blighty!
Tiddley-hiddle-hi-ti!"

—Reynolds's Newspaper (London).

the history of that great nation which, in its isolation, has allowed vast riches to pass into other hands and which now will be forced to work hard to conquer that which it formerly scorned. The vast extent of its densely populated territory, the wealth of its soil, and the abundance of its products have satisfied the aspirations of those who have governed it, and of its people, leading them in many cases to despise colossal riches in foreign lands, which with their great spirit of initiative, inventiveness, and energy, they might have harvested, thus augmenting their admirable rate of progress.

"That policy, now discredited, is what the present American Government is trying to reshape despite the difficulties arising in a land accustomed to the protective tariff, and, above all, despite the adverse influence or the great industrial magnates, veritable lords of the products, politics, and life of the people, who can direct the economic policy of their country because they occupy the most important posts, from which they wage the battle that defends their monopolies and their unparalleled fortunes.

"We hope, nevertheless, that this outworn policy will be vanquished, and that there may arise greater and firmer commercial interchange between the United States and Argentina."

Another opinion on America's trade advance in Argentina is uttered by no less an authority than Mr. Jorge A. Mitre, editor of *La Nacion*, of Buenos Aires, who is quoted in the London *Times* as telling a group of distinguished Britons that the Americans are "advancing in open field and are massing to meet you in force when you return. They are not too well equipped, however. They have nothing but the goods they bring to sell us, and while they are sweeping up business they are taking it chiefly from the Germans." This remark was greeted with applause by Mr. Mitre's auditors, who were assembled at a luncheon given in his honor by the publisher of the London *Times*. He spoke further of the vast interests Great Britain had in Argentina, and rather spurred her on

to expand them. She has an inferior position to other countries in some markets, according to Mr. Mitre, who says that in the case, for instance, of agricultural machinery the United States surpasses Britain, and "this is purely because the American exporter has made himself familiar with the requirements, and, if you like, with the fancies, of the farmers." In his courteous admonitions on the means to secure South-American patronage Mr. Mitre insisted that all commercial travelers going to that country should have a fluent speaking and writing knowledge of Spanish, and he added a word all may hear who are interested:

"It is a strange fact that an Englishman will live for years in a foreign country and never take the trouble to learn the native speech. I knew a Briton in Argentina who actually complained that after he had been there seven years the people did not understand what he said."

HOME-RULE AGITATION IN SPAIN

A WAVE OF DESIRE for home rule or autonomy, complete or partial, is sweeping over Spain, resulting frequently in violent collisions between the partisans of "regionalism," as the Spaniards call this autonomy, and those who are unwilling to see the prerogatives of the royal government at Madrid curtailed in any way. The part of Alfonso's kingdom where the agitation for autonomy is strongest is Catalonia, which for many years has been struggling for special privileges, some Catalonians even trying to achieve the complete independence of their homeland from the Spanish crown. The name of President Wilson has been invoked frequently by the "regionalists," who see in him a potential champion of their ambitions. In Catalonia, according to *La Epoca*, of Madrid, there has been considerable agitation to have the Catalan members of the French Foreign Legion present a petition to him asking for regional privileges for Catalonia. A manifesto has been circulated in Barcelona informing Mr. Wilson that the Catalonians who left Spain to fight by the side of the Allies did so with the hope that their efforts would benefit the cause of Catalanian nationalism. One paragraph reads:

"To-day, when the hour of peace has just sounded, the Catalan soldiers hope President Wilson, who has freed so many oppressed peoples, will also raise his voice in behalf of Catalonia, asking the revision of the Treaty of Utrecht, and enabling Catalonia, free and independent, to occupy in the society of nations the place which is her due on account of her glorious past and present state of prosperity."

As an additional reason why the governments of the Allies should help the cause of Catalanian independence or autonomy, some Catalanian sympathizers accuse the Spanish Government, from which they are trying to break loose, of pro-German tendencies. A French paper published at Perpignan, close to the Catalanian border, alleges that Spain, at the outbreak of the European war, received from Germany the promise of Portugal,

Gibraltar, and all of Morocco on condition that Alfonso's Government should remain neutral and make a commercial treaty after the war with Germany. King Alfonso has been quoted as saying that he favored the granting of a certain degree of autonomy to Catalonia. In addition to Catalonia, other parts of Spain where the agitation for "regionalism" has been rife are the Basque Provinces—whence a petition was also sent to President Wilson—Estremadura, Valencia, and even Castile itself, the heart of the Spanish kingdom.

The constant pressure by Catalonians and others on the Spanish Government resulted recently in the appointment of an extra-parliamentary commission, which has now submitted a plan for autonomy in those regions of Spain which so insistently demand it. The Government has formulated from this plan a tentative project for a law to be brought before the Cortes, or Spanish Parliament, for discussion.

The plan, which is summarized in *L'Europe Nouvelle* (Paris), was drawn for general application to discontented Spanish provinces, but much of it particularly concerns Catalonia, where disaffection with existing conditions is greatest. Its authors, foremost among whom are Señor Maura and Señor Alcalá Zamora, suggest the following among the special privileges of "regionalism," that should be granted:

Government and administration by local functionaries in all questions appertaining to the region.

Election of a regional deputation, including representatives of municipalities and associations.

Administration by local authorities of public works, charities, and agriculture, it being stipulated that the central government shall not interfere in these matters with the local authorities.

Collaboration between the local and central authorities to be admitted in police and health matters.

The local dialect to be considered the official tongue in the region, provided that Spanish (Castilian) be taught on a par with it in schools.

The Royal Government to name a governor who, without interfering in any way with local administration in so far as it is covered by the privileges of autonomy granted, shall see that it is kept within its proper limits, with due respect to law.

The sovereignty of the Cortes and the King in determining and revising the limits of autonomy

and settling questions of application of the same is to remain unimpaired.

The fourth and following articles of the plan refer specifically to Catalonia and are a practical application of the general principles set forth above.

It is stipulated that the four provinces of Barcelona, Girona, Tarragona, and Lerida shall form the region of Catalonia, and that the authority of the regional government shall be final within the limits set, the central government having no appeal from the decision of the regional authorities in strictly regional matters.

The troubles preceding the promulgation of this plan for autonomous representation of Spanish provinces were acute and wide-spread.



THE RISING SUN OF CATALANIAN HOME RULE.

(The Spanish censor has evidently clipped a weapon from the Catalanian's right hand.) —Esquella (Barcelona, Catalonia).

GERMANY'S GOOD-BY TO WAR-PRISONERS

CRAFTINESS AND STUPIDITY, so strangely mixed in all German propaganda, is once more evident in a farewell document issued to prisoners about to leave Germany. No cooing dove could voice itself more softly than the German authorities in their plea that the prisoners return to their homes with kind feelings toward their captors. So barbarous has been Germany's treatment of prisoners that some observers are justly enraged at this attempt to wheedle sympathy and gentle dealing for the vanquished foe at the Peace Conference. The document given to departing prisoners is republished by the London *Westminster Gazette*, which says that "as an example of effrontery to men who have learned by bitter experience the true nature of the German, it would be hard to parallel." It is called "A Parting Word," and begins as follows:

"Gentlemen, the war is over! A little while and you will see your native land again, your homes, your loved ones, your friends. . . . When you are already united to your families, thousands of our countrymen will still be pining in far-off prison camps with hearts as hungry for home as yours.

"You have suffered in confinement—as who would not? There were many discomforts, irritations, and misunderstandings. Your situation has been a difficult one. Our own has been desperate. Our country blockaded, our civil population and army suffering from want of proper and sufficient food and materials, the enormous demands made upon our harassed land from every side—these and many other afflictions made it impossible to do all that we should have liked to do. Under the circumstances we did our best to lessen the hardships of your lot, to insure your comfort, to provide you with pastime, employment, mental and bodily recreation. It is not likely that you will ever know how difficult our circumstances have been."

With "square-head" clumsiness the authorities go on to admit that "errors have been committed, and that there have been hardships for which the former system was to blame." There have been "wrongs and evils on both sides," it is touchingly confessed, and "we hope that you will always think of that—and be just." To proceed:

"You entered the old Empire of Germany; you leave the new Republic—the newest, and, as we hope to make it, the freest land in the world.

"Once the barriers of artificial hatred and misunderstanding have fallen, we hope that you will learn to know, in happier times, these grander features of the land whose unwilling guests



THE RETURN OF THE PRISONER.

"I die not, neither do I live."

—Le Rire (Paris).

you have been. A barbed-wire enclosure is not the proper point of view from which to survey or judge a great nation.

"The war has blinded all nations. But if a true and just peace will result in opening the eyes of the peoples to the fact that their interests are common, this war will not have been fought in vain. If the peoples at last realize that it is not each other who are their enemies, but the ruthless forces of imperialism and capitalism, of militarism of all sorts, of jingo journalism that sows falsehood, hatred, and suspicion, then peace will not be established in vain. We hope that every one of you will go home carrying a message of good-will, of conciliation, of enlightenment."

All that *The Westminster Gazette* offers in reply to this whining plea is the statement of a British soldier who was captured on the Aisne in September, 1914, and was repatriated early in the present year. This former prisoner is quoted as saying:

"At the Belgian station to which we were first taken we had to run the gantlet of German brutes. They let the French go by, but when the English passed on to the platform they were slashed at with lumps of iron, sticks, and twisted ropes. I was struck twice on the head with a lump of iron, and for two hours the train had to be delayed while the doctor patched up our wounds. Many men's backs were almost broken by being beaten with the buckle-ends of belts. Finally, the doctor had to draw his revolver to keep the German soldiers away from us.

"Later we were taken to the Russian front, where we had to bury the dead and work in the second and third line of trenches. Our food was terrible—only two meals a day. We all slept in a large marquee, and only one or two had a blanket. The temperature was thirty-three degrees below zero, and we lay on wire-netting, placed over the snow and ice. If it hadn't been for the skin coats our people sent out we shouldn't have lived a night through.

"Our worst experience was at Lamsdorf Laager, in German Poland. There conditions were terrible. I saw 150 Roumanians drop dead through starvation in one day. Their legs were no thicker than my wrist. Every fortnight they used to whitewash us all over with a powder which took off the hair from our bodies. They said it would keep us free of lice."

For an official confirmation of the savage treatment of sick and wounded prisoners by the Germans we turn to the Belgian Bulletin (March 6), in which we read:

"There were no medicines at all, for one thing; the camps were left in a state of indescribable filth; for some little time the Germans made no move to clean the barracks; and finally they did not even bother to bury the dead.

"Such conditions required immediate attention, and as soon as the Belgian Minister of War heard of them he gave orders to equip and dispatch sanitary trains to Germany at once in order to transport sick and wounded prisoners into Belgium as soon as possible."



THE SQUEAL.

THE DEFEATED—"Ach, mein Kamerad, remember dot we are now a vree und enlightened republic. Gif us cheap, easy terms. Dis armistice vill lead to chaos."

THE VICTOR—"You don't say so. Well, chaos is a d— sight too good for you."

—Bulletin (Sydney, Australia).

SCIENCE - AND - INVENTION

WHY BUSINESS MEN SHOULD STUDY WEATHER MAPS

THAT BUSINESS may be helped or hindered by the weather few would deny. But that a business man may make money by taking intelligent notice of the weather, and especially by studying such forecasts as the present state of scientific knowledge enables us to make, would not be so freely acknowledged. That this may be done, and how it may be done, is told in a special bulletin of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States (Washington, February 14), by A. W. Douglas, vice-president of the Simmons Hardware Company of St. Louis, and chairman of the Chamber's Committee

"The business student of the daily weather map easily utilizes the information it contains for his own particular line. A few instances will illustrate the simplicity of the methods.

"A few years ago a merchant in the Middle West noticed one day early in December that the daily weather map showed an 'intense' low in the Northwest followed by an equally 'pronounced' high, accompanied by very low temperatures, and extending far southward along the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains. The season so far had been very mild, and there had been scarcely any sales for such holiday items as ice skates, sleds, and for such winter goods as snow-shovels. It was an easy deduction, confirmed by the local Weather Bureau observer,

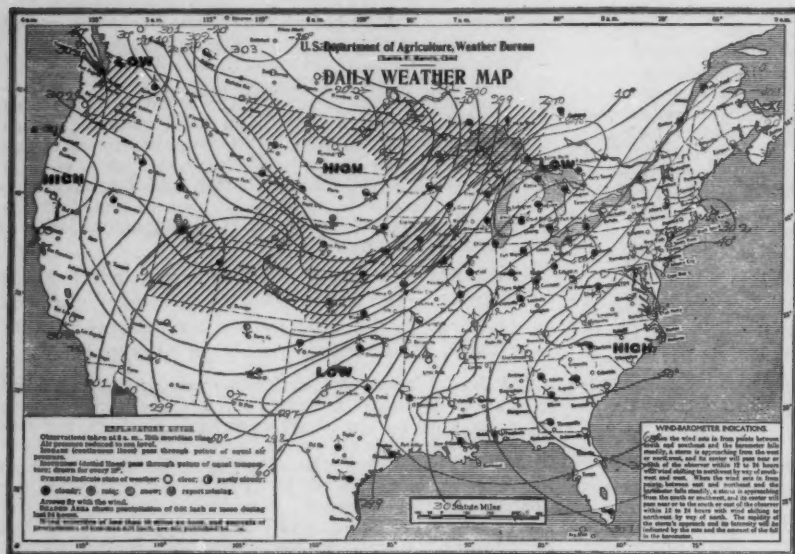
that a severe cold wave, accompanied by heavy snowfall, would overspread the entire country north of the line of the Ohio River. The concern immediately wired its branches and all its traveling salesmen to push the sale of the holiday and winter goods in question, telling the retail trade that a cold wave would be upon them in from two to three days, and that they had best stock up immediately, as they had been withholding purchasing owing to the mild weather. The result was a heavy sale of a stock of merchandise, much of which otherwise would have been carried over beyond the season.

"About the first of August of a very hot summer the question arose in another concern as to whether it should make a large purchase of electric fans, of which the sale had been, and still continued, very heavy. It would take about a week to get the fans in stock, and their sale was assured if the weather continued hot. On the other hand, the fan season was nearly over, and any pronounced drop in temperature meant an entire cessation of the fan business. The weather forecast was 'fair and continued high temperature to-day and to-morrow.' But the map showed that a low of great extent had suddenly appeared in southern New Mexico, while a pronounced high covered the Atlantic coast, with an even more pronounced high coming from the Canadian border into northwestern Montana. It was as sure a forecast as could ever be made under such meteorological conditions that rain would be general within sixty to seventy-two hours in the country where the concern was located, followed by much cooler weather. The purchase of electric fans was, therefore, abandoned, and such stock as was on hand was sold at bargain prices, and when the change to cooler weather came the concern was bare of fans.

"The more serious propositions, however, occur in connection with seasonable goods, the sales of which are largely influenced by weather conditions. Such goods have to be made up by the manufacturers and purchased by dealers, both wholesale and retail, many months in advance of their actual use by the consumers. The problem, therefore, is the probabilities of the weather when the consuming demands for the goods set in.

"Lawn-mowers are a typical case. Contracts are placed with the manufacturer by the jobber in August of one year for mowers which will finally reach the consumer from April to July of the next year. Experience shows that sales of lawn-mowers in dry seasons will often be fifty per cent. less than in wet seasons."

It is obvious, Mr. Douglas says, that some intelligent attempt to forecast the weather eight to ten months in advance is likely to produce better results than a mere guess. How to arrive at some conclusion is shown by a study of the accompanying chart, which gives monthly and annual precipitation at St. Louis



THESE HIGH AND LOW PRESSURES MAY MEAN HIGH OR LOW PROFITS.

on Statistics and Standards. Mr. Douglas advises not only close attention to the daily forecasts and maps issued by the Weather Bureau, but shows also how, by using local statistics of precipitation, a chart may be built up which will furnish a basis for judging the character of the weather for some distance in advance. The present bulletin deals only with the question of rainfall, that of temperature being reserved for a subsequent one. We read:

"The direct effect of the weather upon business is seen in the use made by many lines of business of the daily forecasts made by the Weather Bureau.

"Cold-wave warnings are utilized by fruit- and garden-truck growers to protect their orchards and gardens by smudges and similar devices. Shippers of perishable products in such emergencies defer shipments until the danger is past, while shipments in transit are saved by heating the cars.

"In Louisiana sugar-cane is cut and 'windrowed' before the cold wave reaches the State, and thus saved from practically complete destruction.

"Instances can be multiplied of similar cases in widely differing lines of business, but one is especially significant. In the raisin-grape growing districts of California accurate forecasts of coming rain are almost invaluable, since the raisin crop when drying is extremely susceptible to injury from rains. Warnings of expected rain enable the producers to protect the fruit by stacking and covering the trays. The accuracy of rain forecasts for this region and the system of distribution are so perfect that practically no loss has occurred for years.

for a period of fifty years. The chart brings out the following facts:

"The extremes of rainfall show a tendency to recur within the thirty-five-year period. There are more years above or near the average rainfall of forty inches than below it. The wet years have a tendency to flock together, as have the dry ones, but there are rarely more than two dry years associated together. The probabilities, therefore, are that three average wet years are likely to be succeeded by two drier ones, and the drier ones in turn by three or more wetter ones. It will also be found that the months of April, May, and June, the months in which lawn-mowers are principally sold to consumers, correspond in the proportion of their precipitation to that of the average of the entire year. In other words, their precipitation is less than their individual average in drier years and equal or greater in wet years. Now, obviously those statements are not exact, and are subject to exceptions, as the chart shows. But, as the chart also shows, they are approximately enough correct to form an intelligent working basis, as is done in actual practise.

"Lawn-mowers are only a type of a very large class of seasonable goods some of which sell best in dry weather and some in wet weather. Rubber hose, especially for garden and lawn purposes, is typical of dry-weather goods which are sold to the consumer principally from May to September in the vicinity of St. Louis.

"The correspondence of the proportion of rainfall of each month—May, June, July, August—to their year is fairly constant and again sufficient as a working basis. The method, therefore, in the purchase of such seasonable goods is to follow the conclusions as to whether the coming season will be wetter or drier than the one just past, according to the general law of probabilities shown by the chart.

"After another fashion there may be drawn certain inferences from the amount of precipitation in the spring months as to the likelihood of the amounts in the coming summer months. It will be noted that the very dry years—1860, 1871, 1879, 1894, and 1901, for example—gave warning early in the year, by deficiency in precipitation, as to what was to follow. A student of the situation in 1871 and 1901 must have realized by the middle of May of each year that a severe drought was imminent and would have ordered his business doings accordingly. . . .

"The conclusion would be also that the corn crop would be hurt by the drought, and this would result in a probable diminution in the sale of corn-huskers, husking gloves, corn-mills, and all the various articles used in the harvesting of corn. There was also the likelihood of large sales in corn-knives, which would be used to cut corn as soon as it became evident that it would be injured by the drought. This use of corn-knives under such conditions is further stimulated by the fact that the drought would probably do much damage to the hay crop, and corn would be cut early and in large quantities to be used for fodder as a substitute for hay.

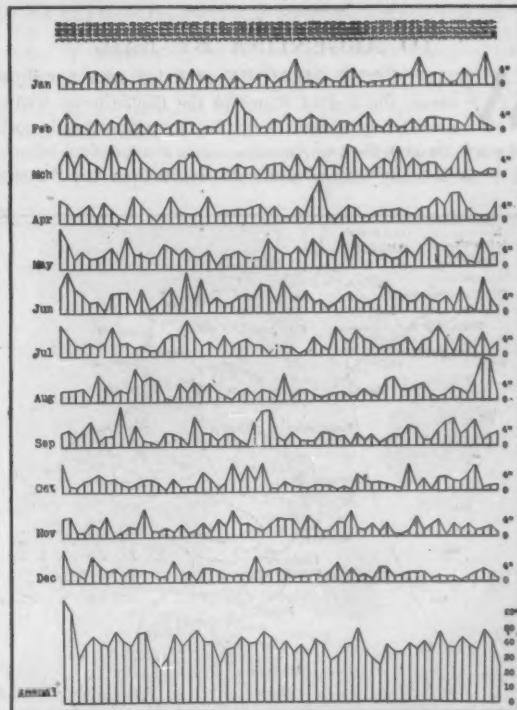
"Droughts in the latitude of St. Louis are almost invariably accompanied by continued high temperatures. This is usually due to the absence of the southwestern rain-producing lows and the persistence of the southeastern highs with their hot, dry, parching winds. Under such conditions there will be large sales of goods affected by the weather, such as ice-cream freezers, refrigerators, electric fans, and a host of others. . . .

"It will be noted that the months follow the years very closely in their general trend. They have the same tendency to associate in 'bunches' of wet months and dry months, and there are more months with average, or approximately average, precipitation than with appreciably less than the average. This offers a fairly good working basis for the sale of goods which may center largely in one or two months. This is succinctly shown in the sales of grain-scythes in June in the latitude of St. Louis as to whether the month be wet or dry. . . .

"It not infrequently happens that the comparison of one season with another can be utilized in a very definite manner for business purposes. In 1913, as the chart shows, the season was fairly wet until May. Thence till September it was very dry, and consequently very hot. During this droughty period there were very large sales of dry-weather goods. Ice-cream freezers, for instance, sold freely until September, tho usually the season for them is over by August. In 1914, when a very dry March ushered in a very dry April, a dealer in these goods drew the correct conclusion that the dry season having commenced thus early would be over that much earlier than the preceding season, and would be followed early by general precipitation, as actually proved to be the case. So the house predicated all its buying and selling of dry-weather goods on this basis and was not disap-

pointed in the result. It calculated, for instance, the sale of ice-cream freezers would be over by the first of August, and arranged its merchandising accordingly.

"It will be observed in the chart that there is a constantly ascending and descending curve of precipitation, both in the years and the months. So that there is a certainty that the next



THE FALL OF RAIN MAY CAUSE A RISE OF TRADE.

Monthly and annual rainfall at St. Louis. A careful study of such a chart will throw light on probable sales of goods affected by wet or dry weather.

year or the next month will be wetter or drier than the present one, and that the approximate nature of such precipitation can usually be forecast, according as to whether the present curve is ascending or descending.

"With all the various facts and approximate tendencies of precipitation through a long series of years before us, it then becomes the question of intelligent application, by each line of business, of the facts thus known to the various articles which directly or indirectly depend largely upon the weather variations for the volume of their sales."

A NEW FARM PROFESSION—War-conditions and abnormal wages have so demoralized farm help that it is difficult to get assistance to carry on operations. In this state of chaos the Federal Board for Vocational Education has hit upon what seems to be a brand-new profession—that of "farm mechanic"—and it is figured that any farm of more than one hundred cultivated acres can very well afford to have a man of this sort. Says *Power Plant Engineering* (Chicago, March 1):

"The men being qualified for this work are disabled soldiers who before injury were farm-boys. With this background of agricultural knowledge these men are being taught to operate modern tractors which do the work of many teams and men. They are being taught operation, care, and up-keep of motor-trucks and other gas-engines. They are being given a general course in looking after all machinery used on modern farms, and indications are that the supply of these specially trained men will not begin to equal the demand. Farm-hands who, before the war, could not hope to make more than \$25 or \$30 a month as laborers can, by becoming proficient as farm mechanics, qualify for positions paying from \$100 to \$125 a month, with steady employment the year around. It is an exceedingly interesting development of our national rural life brought about by forces of necessity, and is but another illustration of the fact that the

emergency is usually met in one form or another. Farm-boys who have been discharged and are disabled as a result of their services, either by sickness, accident, or disease, would do well to write to the Federal Board for Vocational Education, Washington, D. C., and obtain the particulars of this training, which the Government provides free for its disabled men."

TO ARGENTINA BY RAIL

WITHIN THE MEMORY of living men a railroad across the United States to the Pacific coast seemed a foolhardy undertaking. To-day a line of rails north and south through the two Americas seems a stupendous scheme; yet it is actually nearer accomplishment than the "Pacific



After a map in the New York "Sun."

BRIDGE THE GAPS AND THE FEAT IS DONE.

The United States has rail connections to the City of Mexico. The solid black line shows completed portions of Pan-American railroad. The dotted lines denote gaps.

Railway" was at the close of the Civil War. A description of the present status of the project, contributed by Robert G. Skerrett to the New York *Sun*, contains some surprises for the ordinary reader. It is to be understood, of course, that the Pan-American railway scheme is not a plan to build a long single line, but simply to construct enough connecting links to furnish continuous rail travel from New York, say, to Buenos Aires, about 10,000 miles. Unless signs fail, Mr. Skerrett thinks, we shall be making this very trip before long. Railroad-builders, he says, have been busy in South America during the last few years, and month by month they have been expanding the steel grid which is unifying the rapid transit of our neighbor continent. He goes on:

"Kindred activities have been under way or are about to begin through parts of Central America, and Mexico is doing her share to amplify railroad facilities between the United States and the southern hemisphere. The problem is not so much to run new long stretches of rails as it is to create comparatively short sections which shall connect in one enormous system the

railroads of all three Americas. At present, by the best steamers, it takes twenty-five days to make the run from New York to Buenos Aires. By rail it is promised that the distance can be covered in fifteen. . . .

"Broadly, the line to be followed by the Pan-American railway will be any of the existing United States railroad routes down to the Mexican border; these routes, as is well known, reach from the Canadian boundary and cover our country from east to west. From Mexico the Pan-American system will run into Central America, cross the Isthmus of Panama, spanning the canal, and then enter South America at the Colombian frontier. The scheme is to traverse the highlands of Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia, descending in Bolivia to the Argentine border, and continuing from there on to Buenos Aires and the eastern coast of South America.

"At the present time there is considerable construction yet to be done through the mountains of Ecuador and Colombia, and there remain a number of connecting links to be built in Central America. Even so, work on any of these can be pushed much faster than was possible a few years back, simply because we have newer and more efficient technical means at our disposal, and our constructors are wiser and more capable, owing to their recent emergency experience. . . .

"A few weeks ago it was reported that construction work would be started very shortly on a railway connecting Mérida, capital of Yucatan, with Mexico City. The road is to run through the southern part of Yucatan, traverse the states of Campeche and Tabasco, and then effect junction with the Pan-American route at Santa Lucrecia in the state of Vera Cruz. From Santa Lucrecia an existing line runs south to the Pacific coast of Mexico, and thence down into Guatemala, where it joins a line controlled by American fruit interests.

"The latter runs generally parallel with the Guatemalan coast, but stops some little distance from the Guatemala-Salvador boundary. There are two short lines in Salvador, but they are not joined; therefore the country can not yet be spanned east to west by rail. From San Miguel, Salvador, to Corinto, Nicaragua, there is another gap, but from Corinto to Lake Nicaragua there is a railway. From that point on to the Panama Canal practically nothing has yet been built that could be considered a part of the proposed Pan-American system.

"Surveys have been made, however, to cover this section, and plans are already drawn up for the extension south from the Canal into Colombia, and thence along the western side of South America down to the northern limits of the growing systems of steam transportation in Ecuador and Peru. To-day Ecuador is not traversed north and south for more than half its breadth by rail, and railway-building has not as yet made notable progress there except in the Guayaquil-Quito road, which was finished in 1908, the construction, materials, and operation being American. This line has a total length of 285 miles, and in reaching Quito climbs to a height of 11,841 feet.

"Railroading in Peru may be counted on to thrill the most phlegmatic. The physical character of the country, with its high mountain system parallel to the coast along its entire length, has made railway-construction both costly and extremely difficult in many instances. Most of the lines are short, running from the coast to the Andes for moderate distances north and south, but in two notable cases the mountains have been climbed and connections made with the interior plateau lying between the east and west ranges of the Andes. These exceptions are the Peruvian Central Railway and the Southern Railway of Peru, and Americans may rightly be proud of such engineering accomplishments. . . .

"At present Peru is engaged in the extension of the Central Railway beyond Cuzco in the direction of Ayacucho. With the completion of this branch and joining the line up with Huancayo, an important link in the ultimate Pan-American railway will be ready. And now, with the actual and potential sections of the intercontinental route described from Panama down to La Paz, let us trace existing rail connections on through Bolivia to the northern frontier of Argentina, and thence down to Buenos Aires. To-day there is a direct run from La Paz to Tupiza, and from there south to La Quiaca, just over the Argentine boundary. At that point one of the Argentine railways runs south and east right on to Buenos Aires."

With the completion of proposed lines, Mr. Skerrett goes on to tell us, there will be provided also a through transcontinental route from the Pacific coast either at Mollendo, Peru, or Antofagasta, Chile, to Rio de Janeiro. The rail distance will be approximately 1,900 miles. To-day Rio can reach the Pacific coast by rail only by running south and connecting with certain of the Argentine lines. He warns us, in conclusion, not to expect through Pullmans on our New York-Buenos Aires trip—at least just at first. We read:

"Unlike general conditions among our railroads, which have a standard gage, the lines in South America vary materially in this respect.

"Even in Argentina, probably the most progressive of the South-American republics, there are three gages—broad, medium, and narrow. This means that at every point where lines of dissimilar gages are joined in the Pan-American route travelers will have to change cars and freight must be discharged and reloaded. Not only that, but it is not practicable for the narrow-gage engines to make the speeds that are possible on broad-gage roads. In fact, the Government regulations specify that the speed of passenger service on the broad- and medium-gage lines shall not exceed 43.4 miles an hour, and on the narrow-gage roads the maximum velocity is thirty-one miles an hour.

"The Central Argentine Railway runs a train of all-Pullman cars daily between Buenos Aires and Rosario, 180 miles away, in four hours and fifty-five minutes. . . .

"Surely the Pan-American railway is no longer to be looked upon as a dream, one to be given substance only in the distant future. It is a project that very much concerns the present, and it lies with us to make it a reality within the next few years. The longer we delay the harder it will be for us to share in the undertaking. French, English, German, and Belgian capital have extensively dominated heretofore in South-American railroad holdings. We have our chance now to alter the balance in our favor."

THE SPEED OF THE BRAIN

WE MAY THINK the response of the brain to stimulation is instantaneous, but it is not. If you ask a man to yell when you pinch him, the pinch and the yell will not be simultaneous, but will be separated by a brief interval, during which the sensation of the pinch will be traveling up to the man's brain through his nerves and the "will" to yell moving down through his motor nerves to the muscles of his throat and vocal chords. This "reaction time" is important, because if it is too long it shows that the nervous apparatus is out of order. Dr. Amar, of Paris, has devised a machine to measure to the hundredth part of a second. Incidentally, the data that it furnishes enable him to tell whether the subject is or is not fit for the profession or occupation in which he is engaged or for which he is preparing. Writes Ernest Welleck in *The Popular Science Monthly* (New York, March):

"The apparatus that Dr. Amar uses is a psychograph of his own invention, a device for registering the promptness, intensity, variation, etc., of muscular responses to impressions received by eye, ear, or sense of touch of the person tested. The apparatus consists of a cylinder covered with paper coated with lampblack.

"This cylinder is revolved by clockwork at the rate of one revolution a second. A vibrating needle, which makes one hundred double vibrations a second, marks a wavy line that serves as time measure for minute fractions of a second upon the lampblack paper. The muscular reactions of the subject are transmitted by air-pressure to two needles, which make a record of these reactions on the cylinder.

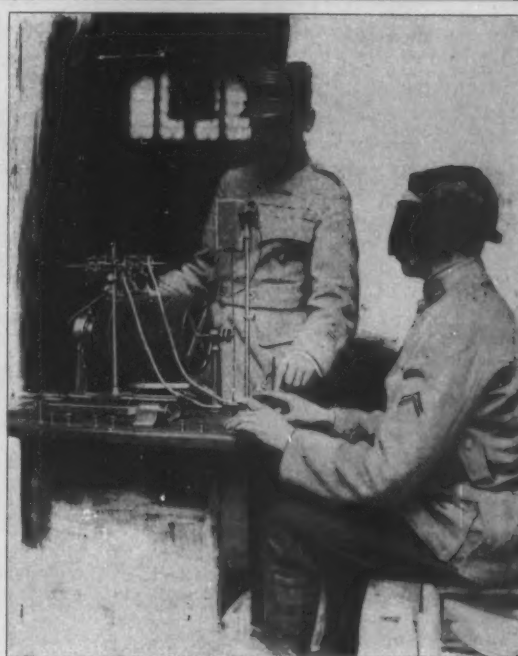
"Dr. Amar will seat you in front of a table equipped with the testing apparatus. Directly before you are two little pneumatic drums. When you have received your instructions, you place a finger upon the membrane of one of the little drums, your eyes focused on something that resembles a small camera. A few minutes later a touch of the doctor's finger upon the latter releases a flash of the electric light in the box

behind the lens to reach your eye. At the same moment—so it seems to you—you press your finger upon the drumhead. The air-pressure in the drum simultaneously causes a needle to mark a line, more or less curved, on the lampblack-covered paper.

"Then the paper is taken off the cylinder. Here is the mark of the doctor's signal and there is the record of your reaction. The doctor counts the number of waves of the vibrating needle on the paper, and informs you that $\frac{20}{100}$ of a second elapsed between the signal and your response. And you imagined your pressure to have been simultaneous with the signal!

"You are assured that your brain functions normally—that the time for simple visual reactions in normal subjects averages between 0.195 and 0.21 second.

"In the tests for reactions involving deliberation, the same device is used. You place one finger of the left hand on one of



Courtesy of "Popular Science Monthly."

TESTING HIS BRAIN-SPEED BY REACTION TO TOUCH.

the little drums, one finger of the right hand on the other drum. You are informed that the left drum means blue, the right drum red.

"The doctor flashes a red or a blue light through the lens of the camerallike device, and you signal back the impression by pressing the right or the left drumhead. On examining the record on the cylinder, you find that it took you more than twice as long to react in this visual test as in the simple visual test in which you were not called upon to decide whether the light was red or blue.

"From hundreds of observations like these Professor Amar has drawn interesting and valuable conclusions which enabled him to determine the aptitude of the individual tested for certain vocations, a problem of importance in finding employment for the thousands of soldiers returning from the war.

"The statistical material so far collected shows that the age of the subject, between the limits of eighteen and forty-five years, does not materially affect the time of simple reactions. Subjects whose occupation demands alertness—for instance, designers, typists, and mechanics—react more promptly than farmers, who are invariably slower by 0.02 second or more. The records of persons who have sustained injuries of the brain, or who have been operated on because of such injuries, show much higher figures: 0.32 second for visual signals, 0.24 for sound signals, and 0.21 second for touch signals represent the average for that class of invalids."

LETTERS - AND - ART

THE PUZZLE AND THE GLAMOUR OF WEIMAR

IT PUZZLES MANY—most of all good Berliners, who, in another sense, may also be bad Berliners—why Weimar was chosen as the place to inaugurate the democratic government for Germany. Was it a subtle concession to the conquerors who all along loved to lament the disappearance

with the expression, 'Here in this place, where the spirits of Schiller and Goethe live' . . . Certainly quotations from the poets are suggested here for the delegates, almost obtruding themselves in the volumes of the classics. Still, beautiful tho the city be and brilliant its history, the German National Assembly is not an assembly of historians or of *littérateurs*.

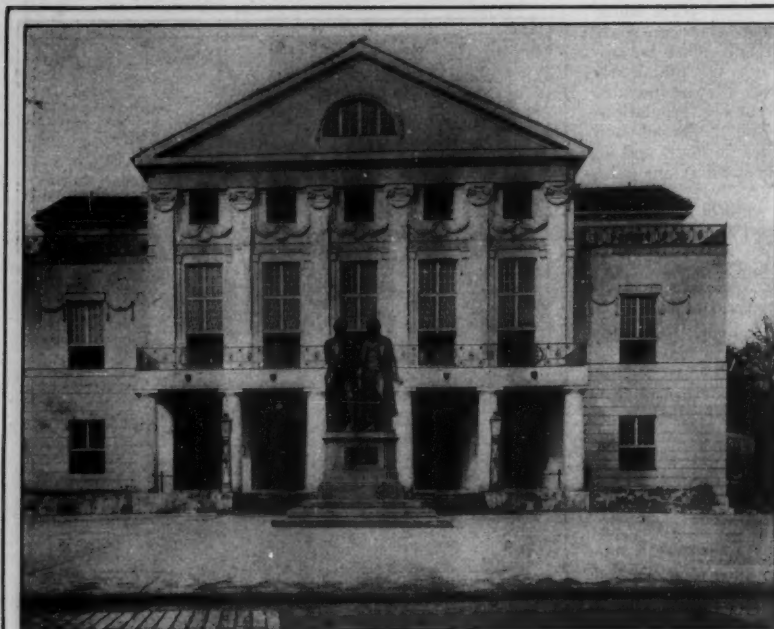
On the contrary, it is an assembly which itself is making history. The German National Assembly needs space for its work. It needs also all the influences that come from a broad and comprehensive scheme of publicity which can be found best in the capital, and certainly only to a small degree in Weimar."

The only real reason that the *Tageblatt* can see is "the fact that people wished a change, and especially that Berlin had fallen into disrepute." In which case the Berlin writer thinks "it was their duty, and in accordance with their honor, to protect both the reputation and the political significance of the chief city of the Empire." Perhaps Germans, in choosing Weimar, overlooked the fact brought to mind by "A. B.," the writer in *The Spectator* mentioned above, that this city was the place where Nietzsche—believed by many to be the evil genius of modern Germany—retired in the "gradually darkening" days toward the end of his life, "there finding rest and release (he passed away to the accompaniment of a thunderstorm such as the 'oldest inhabitants' had never experienced the like

of)." But Weimar is also filled with happy associations besides the famed ones of Goethe and Schiller. "A. B." tells of some within his lifetime:

"In the days when the present writer first lived there as a small child, Weimar had not yet quite outgrown her 'first' Liszt period, while there were middle-aged people in plenty who had their first-hand recollections of the times of Weimar's greatness, when Goethe had been the brightest and most particular star in the literary galaxy brought together by Grand Duke Karl August. The Goethe-Haus is now, as all visitors to Weimar will know, a museum, but in my time, tho the main portion was let, some rooms were still reserved by the poet's grandsons, two quiet and unobtrusive old gentlemen, on whom the weight of their grandsire's name seemed to rest oppressively. I can remember Walter best; he had a charming musical talent and wrote numerous songs. His brother was mostly in Vienna, holding the post of equerry to the Emperor Francis Joseph.

"The termination of the first Liszt period had come about in consequence of the bad reception accorded to Cornelius's 'Barber of Bagdad,' an opera which Liszt, then holding the post of Conductor of the Grand Ducal Orchestra, had been instrumental in getting staged. Liszt consequently regarded the opposition as an affront to himself. Nevertheless, most of the talent he had known how to draw together remained, acting for many a year as a 'school' indeed, or nucleus to which fresh talent was constantly being drawn. The Weimar Opera had seen the first performance of Wagner's 'Fliegender Holländer,' with Rosa von Milde as *Senta*, this singer, a prima-donna of Weimar birth



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GOETHE AND SCHILLER IN BRONZE BEFORE THE THEATER AT WEIMAR.

In this home of Germany's highest literary traditions was born the new Republic.

of the Germany of Goethe and Schiller, and a desire to show that that Germany had come again upon earth? A writer in the London *Spectator* who claims to have known "another and a very different Germany" would like to believe that "the worst has spent itself, that all good Germans (and there must still be some), gazing toward Weimar, may feel a yearning for the fulfilment of Goethe's last recorded words, 'Light, more Light,' taking heart also in the remembrance of Nietzsche's utterance—so prophetic in these times—that it has needed chaos in order to give birth to a star." The Germany that speaks in the *Berliner Tageblatt*, however, hardly uses such a tone. Its wonder at the choice is mixed with a sardonic reference to Weimar's past glories. "Why Weimar was chosen," it says, "the gods alone know, who, indeed, from classical times till the present have had their residence there." Venturing a suggestion:

"Evidently the choice was made because Weimar was a culture center. And it was expected that upon the National Assembly, in accordance with the beautiful lines of Gustav Freytag,

The sun of intellect will send its ray
So rich as lends it immortality.

Of course, we all feel love for Weimar and with it that respect for all which is bound up with the place. But we see no connection whatever between Weimar and the National Assembly. It would certainly be very pretty if a speaker introduced his orations

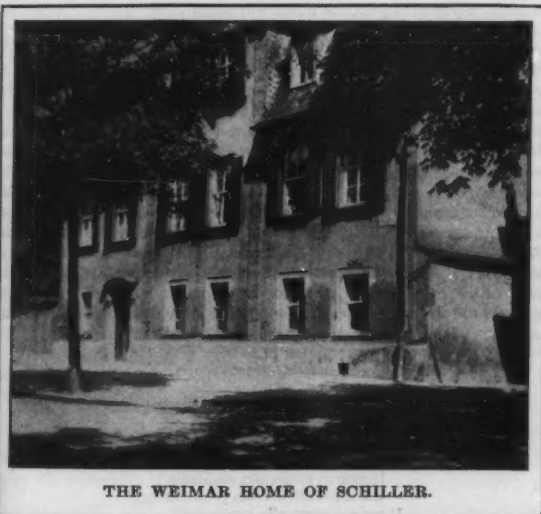
and of almost entirely local training, having been Wagner's own choice. The Milde was, I believe, also the first interpreter of *Elsa* in 'Lohengrin'; at all events her conception of the rôle became the accepted one, and there must to this day still be singers who owe their rendering to the coaching they may have enjoyed in the days when both this great artist and her equally famous husband, Feodor von Milde, were known as two of the greatest teachers of singing in Germany."

Liszt came back to Weimar after the Franco-German War, wearing a priest's garb and became known as the Abbé.

"Liszt's absence from German soil during the 'seventy' war was due to his pronounced French sympathies, but he returned shortly after peace had been restored, and when a great musical festival was held for which music-lovers from all parts assembled at Weimar. One there was I can remember who, tho his heart bled for France and his beloved Alsace, yet accounted the Republic of Art a common meeting-ground for all. This was Eduard Schuré, the veteran writer and member of the French Academy. It is pleasant to think of his having lived to see his country avenged. And, talking of wars, even Weimar has in its day tasted something of modern warfare. In the Schützengasse may still be seen a house plugged by a cannon-ball—a souvenir of one or other of the armies that took part in the 'Jena affair'—while, later on, something that might be likened to the 'Shadow on the Wall' was afforded in the summer of 'sixty-four,' when a detachment of the Prussian Army passed through Weimar and 'goose-stepped' to the amusement and amazement of the beholders on that picturesque, cobble-stoned old market-place known to many a reader of 'Vanity Fair,' where Weimar masquerades under the name of *Pumpnickel*. There, beneath the shadow of the house of Johann Sebastian Bach . . . that market-place across which Thackeray sent *Dobbin* speeding from his rooms in the 'Elefant' to call on *Emily*, when that lady resided as a widow in lodgings hard by—there did those Prussians do their now well-known 'prance' before marching on into their own territory."

The New York Times also joins in the reminiscent mood, thus ruminating:

"Tranquil old sprawling town of memories and monuments, of pictures and libraries and pleasure gardens! As one reads of the multiplicity of colored cards required there to-day for lodging and feeding and what not, one remembers with regret many a *Hof* and *Keller* of that quiet inheritor of old traditions, that earlier Germany; seeing which the pilgrim forgot the deadly



THE WEIMAR HOME OF SCHILLER.

opposite Germany whose horrible war-memorials were not spared even to Weimar. 'Licht, Liebe, Leben'—how absurd and unreal Herder's motto sounds. The 'Golden Eagle,' the 'Elefant,' the queer old homely inns, were they ever there, were they but somnambulists, the thousands who imagine that in Weimar they saw a corner of the antique world?"

THE TIDE IN THE WAR-POET'S INSPIRATION

THE RISE AND FALL OF THE WAVES of poetic impulse induced by the war is noted by Mr. E. B. Osborn, the anthologist, who has confined himself to the poets who have personally engaged in the struggle. Many of these, if not most of them, he has shown us were moved to



WHERE GOETHE LIVED IN WEIMAR.
Now turned into a museum.

express themselves in verse for the first time after their war-baptism. From the third year of the war to the end, Mr. Osborn tells us in *The Illustrated London News*, "there was a significant falling off in the quantity and quality of the war-verse by soldier-poets." He accounts for it as "a symptom of the fed-up feeling which began to be general in our fighting forces, tho it made them none the less—perhaps all the more—determined to see their job through." We get an interesting insight into that hollow of the wave which came just as our own forces were coming into the action.

"The heroic mood was no longer in favor; and those who indulged in it, still seeing certain colors of high romance in the multitudinous sacrifice, were taken to task by realistic rimesters and accused—most unjustly, in point of fact—of camouflaging their emotions. Thus a recently published diarist has scoffed at the remarkable sonnet by H. Rex Feston (an Oxford undergraduate who fell in action), which begins:

I know that God will never let me die.
He is too passionate and intense for that,
See how he swings his great suns through the sky.
See how he hammers the proud-faced mountains flat;
He takes a handful of a million years
And flings them at the planets; or he throws
His red stars at the moon; then with hot tears
He stoops to kiss one little earth-born rose.

"Yet this same scoffer also fell in action, and it is only because he girded at his comrades that I find myself regretting that he did not remain unpublished. It is well, surely, that the real Bellona, all bones and blackness behind, should be shown for what she is to the next bellicose era, which will come in forty or fifty years (history teaches it is so), when the horrors of the German War have faded out of personal remembrance.

"Yet this fed-up feeling—a *migraine* of the army soul, which is one and indivisible—was passing away before the sudden, unexpected end, and once more the war-anthologist is receiving verse inspired by the former sense of sacrificial splendor. As time goes on, I am sure, war's passions in retrospect—above all, its selfless comradeship—will be made the stuff of poems equal in power to Julian Grenfell's and Noel Hodgson's. It is not for nothing that man has been a fighting creature these five million years, thereby thrusting himself up to the status of *homo sapiens* from the condition of a stranded mudfish. I even dare to hope for the great fighting sea-poet who has been so strangely lacking to English literature for so long. Meanwhile I have seen the unprinted poems of an air-fighter who will

surely seize and keep the blue laurel, because of the fleeting joy he finds in his road through the skies—

The road is as my soul, she is a fear,
A living splendor, and a wanderer's prize,

and in a few short lines paints an unforgettable picture of night-flying between land and sea—

Aloft on footless levels of the night
A pilot stands on thunder with the stars,
Sees in the utter deep the fainting light
Of far-off cities, cast in coal-black bars
Of shore and soundless sea

and gives Death the lie, since he can say,

Nor am I stuff that worms administer.

Let the fighting men revile war, if they choose; they have the right. But not so the civilians, who must reverse the dread dispensation which has saved them from worse than slavery."

ITALY'S SOLDIER POETS

ENGLISH READERS think they know something of Italy when, in addition to the many books about Italy printed in English, they can add a few in Italian. But an Italian writer reminds us that there is a wholly unexplored "modern Italy," lying hid in books that are not exported. "There are in Italy six or eight little books," says Emilio Cecchi in the Manchester *Guardian*, "only a few years old, from which one could derive a knowledge of an Italy which is certainly not that of the official and exported authors or of the official politicians, precisely because it is the true, healthy, active, and silent Italy—the Italy with a future." England has had her Brooke and Grenfell; France, Duhamel, Apollinaire, and Giraudoux, "not to mention Barbusse, who is even too famous." But Italy, says this patriot with pardonable jealous pride, "has had Soffici, Serra, Baldini, and, as England and France, a whole host of anonymous soldier-poets." He protests:

"The spirit which Italy brought into the war can not be represented by two or three speeches by politicians, by an occasional oration of d'Annunzio (who as a war-poet has remained far below the level he achieved as a fighter), by the rhetoric of Sem Benelli; it can not be represented, that is to say, by the only literary documents of the Italian war which have reached England and have been commented upon by the English journals."

The poetry of which Mr. Cecchi is so proud "springs from the best popular blood in Italy," about which he becomes eloquent:

"A book which might suggest to the English public much more about the soul of Italy than could be gained from a hundred speeches by Premiers and a hundred volumes of contemporary history has just been printed by a trench journal, *L'Astico*, in a little village, shattered by bombardments, on the edge of the Asiago plateau. It is entitled 'Canti di Soldati,' and contains a collection of the finest of the war-songs of the Italian people, taken, so to speak, from the mouths of the singers; the most beautiful songs, born in the dust of the roads, in the tedium of the barrack-room, in the peril of the trenches.

"The collection has no official character, and has had no official aid. The poverty of the means throws into relief the lyrical beauty of the intention. The whole spirit of the book is expressed in the epigraph—for the book has also an epigraph. It was found ready to hand, scratched by an unknown soldier on the wall of a cavern. In four words it sums up the whole gamut of desperation and courage: '*Canta che ti passa*' (sing, sorrow shall pass). One understands immediately how the collectors of these songs have labored—as soldiers and eye-witnesses, not as ethnographers and linguists.

"Of such a book, it is quite clear, nobody could pretend to write what in journalistic language would be called a 'review.' It would be like writing a review of a people—the Italian people; or a review of a landscape—the Italian landscape. A book such as this is something like a piece of nature in which there is infinitely much and infinitely little; in which one discovers an infinity of opportunities and suggestions, but no firm identity.

"What strikes one at first is an extraordinary volubility of artistic expression built upon a solid foundation of tones and feelings. Some of these poems of the people present themselves, as it were, with the outward aspect of a cathedral. But you have no sooner entered than you find yourself in a workman's cottage or an inn. You peer through the window of the inn and view the most unexpected landscape. You were in a town on *terra firma*; but now you behold the sea, with boats and sails, and you catch the odor of fried fish. In each one of these poems it seems as if the globe of the world is pierced through and through, like a carved ivory needle-case. And through one part you see St. Peter's in Rome, and through another Buenos Aires or the sugar-cane plantations of Brazil. This may serve perhaps to express the idea, essentially poetical, of the unity and compactness of the world, and the fact, extremely lyrical, that the cathedrals, the glorious palaces, and all the grandeurs of the world have a very close relation with the cottages and the fried fish and every form of poverty and misery. But it expresses this idea without any scale of proportion, without any regard for the organic quality which belongs to all true works of art. But as a compensation for this lack of organism and equilibrium, what impetuosity, what freshness and passion!

"There are, for example, songs in which, above the bitter realities of modern warfare, there seem to reappear the old light and serenity of the great Italian art of the fourteenth century. Such as the song which says in its first lines:

Il 29 giugno, quando si taglia il grano,
è nata una bambina con una rosa in mano.

["On June 29, when the corn is being cut, a baby is born with a rose in its hand."]

Here, says our interpreter, "the popular imagination begins by creating something which makes us think of the lines and colors of Giotto, but it ends by placing close to the Giottesque fresco of the mystical babe with rose in hand grotesque vernacular figures like those on the sign-boards of the fruit- and drink-sellers." Further:

"There are songs in which the military exaltation assumes almost a religious tone, and then the emotion abates and falls into a childlike sensuality; or perhaps it changes into popular representations of the battle:

Il colonnello, che piangeva
a veder tanto macello:
—Fatti coraggio, Alpino bello,
che l'onore sarà per te.

["The colonel, who was weeping to see such slaughter, says: 'Have courage, my good Alpino, the honor will be for thee!']

"There are the *villotte* of the Friuli, containing precious words almost oriental in their grace, and tremulous meters and a rustic flavor of the amorous poetry of ancient Greece. There is, too, the droll *Sveglia degli imboscati*, who, in the train which at last conveys them to the front, stand 'all afflicted and desolate in the trucks, and sigh,' with long faces and open mouths, like so many apostles in a 'Last Supper' by Nicolo Alunno. The song of the *Emigranti* gives the story of the voyage, the foundation of colonies, the panorama of new worlds, the rustic pride of the anonymous builders of towns. But in the *Testamento del maresciallo* (The Sergeant's Last Will and Testament) there is something that is still more universal—the eternal fact of man and of death; but death is transfigured into a glowing pleasure, and blood becomes a vernal element of color and of perfume and flowers:

E io comando che il mio corpo
in sei pezzi sia taglià.
Il primo pezzo al Re d'Italia,
secondo pezzo al Battaglion.
Il terzo pezzo alla mia mamma
che si ricordi del suo figliol.
Il quarto pezzo alla mia bella
che si ricordi del suo primo amor.
Il quinto pezzo alle montagne
che lo fiorisca di rose e fior.
Il sesto pezzo alle frontiere.

["And I order that my body shall be cut into six pieces. The first piece to the King of Italy; the second to the battalion. The third piece to my mother, that she may remember her son; the fourth to my sweetheart, that she may remember her first love. The fifth piece to the mountain, that it may be adorned with roses and flowers; the sixth to the frontier."]

ALABAMA'S NEGLECTED LITERATURE

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION, being very much in the air at present, carries its dangers of inducing "a superficial sense of values." "It is all well enough," says a sage in the editorial chair of the Montgomery (Ala.) *Advertiser*, "to teach a boy how to make a water-trough without any leaks in it or how to make a perfect beveled edge," but the boy might thereby become a "mere ignorant mechanic." He is most ignorant, says the Southern aphorist, "who knows the least history." History is crying aloud from the housetops at present, but the history that the Alabama sage most desires for Alabama youths is Alabama history. No doubt the stirring of the wide waters of history makes eddies in each of our little pools, and the writer here suggests that we may all be neglecting things worth bearing in mind. Taking Alabama as a sample, we are told that "Henry Watterson recently alluded to *Simon Suggs*, and probably not many outside this Southern commonwealth know that *Suggs* in his day was one of Alabama's most familiar and delightful characters." The writer here goes even further:

"The literature written around this character is comparable to Mark Twain's best. Twain absorbed it and admitted that it influenced his own creations. But for the most part *Simon Suggs* is forgotten, no less in Alabama than elsewhere. A few years ago the Birmingham *News* performed a public service by reprinting the book serially; but the work is out of print.

"But '*Simon Suggs*' has merely suffered the fate of most of Alabama's best literature. This work of Hooper's is nowhere on sale—there are no copies to sell. In recent years there was a revival of interest in A. B. Meek's notable 'Red Eagle' poem when it was republished. Jere Clemens, an able political leader, was no less a gifted writer of fiction, among his more celebrated works being 'Mustang Gray' and 'The Rivals,' the latter being a historical novel with Burr and Hamilton as the originals of the principal characters. Who knows about Clemens's novels now except the men who grew up in another generation? 'Flush Times in Alabama and Mississippi,' by Joe Baldwin, was a rare bit of literature of its kind. It is better known to men of to-day than some of the others; but it is out of print and can not be purchased. General Woodward's 'Reminiscences,' which was reprinted serially in *The Advertiser* ten or twelve years ago, is likewise out of print. No student of Alabama history can have completed his studies of pioneer days in Alabama, especially life among the Indians, who has not read these remarkable sketches. These reminiscent sketches were of great value to Pickett in preparing his famous history of Alabama. Pickett's history is available to a limited number of scholars engaged in research, but it is not in general use. It is not available to the whole reading public.

"It is a distinct misfortune to students of American political literature that only scraps and bits of the speeches by Hilliard and Yancey in their memorable debates in Alabama are preserved in printed form. Had competent reporters followed these orators in their debates, the forensic engagements that shook Alabama would to-day be as familiar to the high-school student in every State as the better advertised debates between Lincoln and Douglas in Illinois. Yancey was the greatest American orator. Hilliard was the only Alabamian of his day who was regarded as a confident match for Yancey. Usually those who challenged Yancey 'got enough' in the first clash; yet Hilliard and Yancey repeatedly met over a period of many years. But the beauty and charm, the logic and force, of their great speeches are not preserved to us in the text."

The late John Witherspoon DuBose wrote two books, we have the word of the Alabama patriot for it, "either of which is comparable to the very best in American political and military literature." Indeed,

"His 'Life and Times of Yancey,' and his 'General Joe Wheeler and the Army of Tennessee,' are works of rare brilliance and charm. His 'Wheeler,' published by the Walter Neale Company, of New York, is still in circulation; but his 'Yancey,' the larger and more significant work, was published privately about twenty years ago. Only one edition was printed. Mr. DuBose told one of the editors of *The Advertiser* that he devoted five years of his time to the preparation of 'Yancey,' rewriting

some of the chapters as many as twenty times. But he realized only \$300 as his reward. Just before the tragic death of Mr. DuBose a year ago, a friend of his, with the author's consent, undertook to interest some one of a half dozen leading American publishers in a project to republish 'Yancey,' but met with no success. The publishers shrank from the initial cost of publication, saying that biography does not sell well, anyway. If this is true it is no credit to the tastes of American readers, for biography is the best and most entertaining division of historical literature.

"We have omitted mention of more recent Alabama literature, much of which is worthy to be compared with the productions of any American authors of the same kind of literature. Neither have we exhausted the list of excellent works by Alabamians which are now out of circulation and largely unknown to the present generation. We have merely made hurried sketches of a few of the best to point out how we have neglected our own.

"Yet, what is more natural than that we should have permitted Alabama authors to die with the generation that saw the last of their physical bodies? What have we done in the school-rooms of Alabama to popularize the names of our writing men and women and familiarize the child mind with the books these craftsmen wrote? What have we done in the schoolrooms of Alabama to enable the child to visualize the wonderful story of its State and people?

"In recent years we have done much better by the child in the schoolroom. We have been fairer to our State and its history than we formerly were. But at that we don't seem to have taken up the subject of history with the enthusiasm and seriousness of purpose which the subject justifies among any people anywhere."

LONG HAIR AND STATESMANSHIP

LONG HAIR has its own associations in the popular mind, and people persist in holding this preconceived view.

It first made Paderewski a victim of hysteria, now it causes surprise that he could be anything else than a pianist. When he first came to the United States, says the *New York Sun*, had he "patronized the hotel barber on his arrival, and subsequently kept his hair short in the fashion affected by most Americans, we should not hear now so many exclamations of surprise over his development in statesmanship." The case is analyzed, but the people will hardly profit:

"The fact that he was an unapproachable master of the piano-forte would not have dislocated the popular bump of understanding; that a musician may be versed in politics is not hidden even from the lowbrows.

"But Paderewski's flaming halo marked him for exploitation, not as a musical genius, but as a man bizarre merely in his personal appearance. He was easy to caricature, easy to make the butt of good-natured if frequently pointless witticisms. So he became known to millions as a strange, rather freakish individual first, as a pianist afterward; and the enthusiasm his performances aroused added to his unwelcome fame. Paderewski was mobbed; women stormed the stage at his recitals; a glimpse of him on his way from the hall was accounted a high distinction; his devotees lined his path, intercepted him in his hurried exit. Tales of overwrought maids and matrons endeavoring to kiss him—and sometimes succeeding—were not wanting.

"All of this was distasteful to Paderewski—the man who is now guiding Poland in its rehabilitation is not different from the man we knew a quarter of a century ago as a pianist. Then, as now, he was a genius of industry, a level-headed business man, a patriot longing for freedom for the Poles. The extravagances of his auditors aroused in him no feeling of conceit or gratitude. Rather they repelled him and wounded him. That his art should merit and receive the plaudits of the informed and discriminating naturally satisfied and encouraged him; that the box-office takings of his recitals were large was, let us say, acceptable; but that hysterics should be the tribute paid to his performances was far from his purpose and repugnant to him.

"Had not the war come, and with it Poland's opportunity, the real Paderewski might for all time have been unknown save to a comparatively few. The mythical genius would have had first place in the popular mind. But when the opportunity was opened to Paderewski to show himself in another character, he was ready for the task that lay before him."

RELIGION-AND-SOCIAL-SERVICE

EVIL DISCORDS IN CHURCH, STATE, AND INDUSTRY

A BISHOP OF THE EPISCOPAL FAITH puts the Church in its relation to the war in the position of a boy whose teacher was asked if he "took" algebra. She replied that "he was pretty thoroughly exposed to it, but he did not take it." What the Church has learned and what she has failed to learn, reflects Bishop Charles D. Williams, of Michigan, remain to be seen by what develops in her thought and work; but "the exposure is too recent to warrant a confident diagnosis." The first sign of the virus, he admits, was "a veritable fever of devotion, generosity, and activity in the service of the immediate and paramount causes—first, the winning of the war for justice, democracy, civilization, and humanity; and secondly, the ministry to the unparalleled human needs created by the war." Because the churches "interpreted the war as a holy crusade," such movements as the Red Cross and food-conservation were saved from failure. The Bishop even feels that "without the support which organized religion gave it so enthusiastically through channels of influence, direct and indirect, the war itself could not have been won." But a more subtle "exposure" which is beginning to show its effect is the "proved futility" of a divided Church in the face of any great crisis of need and opportunity." In a new journal, which is called *Reconstruction* (New York), and which describes itself as "a Herald of the New Time," the Bishop luxuriates in a free forum:

"The various denominations have been jealously watching each other and persistently nagging the war-departments to secure for each its proportionate quota of Army and Navy chaplains and to see to it that no one should get ahead of another. We have set up about the camps and cantonments dozens of discordant altars, a Babel with its confusion of tongues, instead of a Zion, a haven of refuge and peace. There must be a conventicle of some sort for every group of organized religion, for the 'Two-Seed in the Spirit Baptists,' for the 'Amish' who allow buttons, and for the 'Mennish' who stand stoutly for hooks and eyes, for the 'one-foot-washing' Dunkards, and the 'two-foot-washing' Dunkards.

"Would it have been a thing to be wondered at if the executives, who had large affairs to administer, should have grown utterly impatient and thrown us all out of court? And is it any wonder that the common soldier often turns away in despair or contempt from this Babel of shibboleths and abandons organized religion altogether? And what has become patent under the searching test of war-conditions is latent always and everywhere.

"This is the common attitude of mind in the average man toward our chaotic Christendom. A divided Church is sure to break down under the searching test of any great crisis. A divided Church can not speak with any authority in, or give any adequate interpretation of, any great tragedy of history such as this world-war. A divided Church, rankling with sectarian jealousies, could not concentrate on the stupendous task of ministry to the spiritual needs evoked by the war—nor can it efficiently meet the demands of the new age that comes after the war. The Church during the war practically handed over her whole ministry to the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A., which at least largely represents the spirit and mind of Christ and essential religion. They alone have stood for a united Christianity.

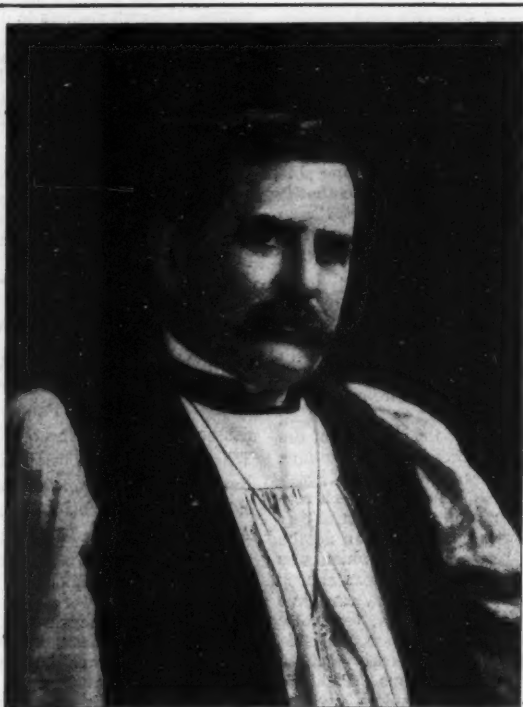
"It looks as if this lesson of the war were beginning to penetrate the mind of the Church. The leadership in the movement toward organic unity has long been in the hands of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Those of other communions who have been interested in that movement have long been sitting with amazing humility on the steps of the Episcopal House of Bishops, awaiting such crumbs of comfort and hope as might fall from the master's table. But when, last year, this House of Bishops rejected with arrogant insult and contumely the dignified and reasonable suggestion of the Congregationalist body for a practical cooperation during war-time by a coordination of army chaplains, this leadership was wantonly thrown away by the Episcopal Church.

"The Presbyterian General Assembly picked up that abandoned leadership. On their initiative the representatives of 35,000,000 American Christians met recently at Philadelphia, appointed committees of preparation and summoned a great meeting in the near future, not later than 1920, to take action for such a practical organic unity of American Protestantism as shall be consistent with individual liberty.

"Perhaps the Christian Church is 'taking' this great purpose of the Spirit to which she has been exposed. Perhaps we shall come up out of the test of this crisis at least welded into a closer fellowship, each presenting fewer bristling points of antagonism, but searching more diligently for our common grounds of agreement and service, exercising 'the ministry of reconciliation' and 'seeking the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.' Perhaps, even, there may result some measure of efficient organic unity. If so, the war will have been worth while, even if it have accomplished nothing more than this."

From this point the Bishop turns to the subject of the League of Nations—"the supreme international problem" which only a united Church can properly support. How will the Church satisfy this "consuming passion in the hearts of the masses of war-weary peoples in every land?" He proceeds:

"We are confronted to-day by a supreme crisis of opportunity.



BISHOP CHARLES D. WILLIAMS.

Who declares that "a divided Church is sure to break down under the searching test of any great crisis."

One path leads toward the realization of the hope of the world—the other is a return to ancient and intolerable conditions.

"Against the League are arrayed abroad the old habits of 'balance of power' and secret diplomacy. Against it at home cry certain blatant voices of personal jealousy and blind partisanship. Inspiring both oppositions, at home and abroad, is the spirit of narrow and militant nationalism. It masks itself here as 'stalwart Americanism.' It declares that it is beneath our dignity to submit any question that touches our national honor to any other arbitrament than that of our own strong arm. (So thought the cave-men about questions that touched their personal honor before courts of law were established.) It asserts that we must be free to carry our superior American civilization and system to backward neighbor-nations without let or hindrance by possible votes of European Powers or South-American republics—that is, to be specific, to 'settle and develop' Mexico—which means plainly that, without waiting patiently for her to solve the problems of her own democratic aspirations, to learn, in the only way an individual or nation can learn, by her own blunders—to deal for herself with her intolerable 'executive concessions to foreign syndicates,' and her impossible land-tenure conditions; without giving her this 'self-determination' for which we ostensibly fought this great war—we will step in and by force exploit her tremendous resources for our American corporations.

"All this sounds familiar. We have a Divine call to impose our 'Kultur' upon less developed peoples. We have a holy mission to dominate the world's trade and finance.

"We are talking in terms of 'Realpolitik,' 'Weltpolitik,' and 'Weltmacht.'

"We have caught by contagion the fever of militarism and the lust of conquest. For us might becomes right. We tear off the mask of 'stalwart Americanism,' and, lo! the familiar features of Pan-Germanism. We have conquered Germany outwardly and been conquered by her spirit inwardly.

"What is the plain mission of the Church in this supreme crisis?

"If there is to be any international league, there must be behind it an international mind. If there were an international Church, one and indivisible, unsplit by divisions national and denominational, it would be the chief exponent of the international mind. For that emphatically was and is the mind of the Church's Founder and Head. His great apostle declared: 'There is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.'

Some of the basic principles of the Gospels are adopted by the nation, he points out, when at our entrance into war we found that our system of "rank individualism in industry and commerce" broke down under the first test. Having found that we could not carry on a war without "socializing" our productive agencies, the Bishop asks if we shall not now "progressively socialize our commerce and industry—not necessarily in the sense of the bureaucratic administration of Marxian Socialism—but in the spiritual sense of substituting the motive of public service for the motive of private profit, and cooperation for the common weal instead of the gratification of individual greed?" He utters a warning:

"The masses of the people in every land will not long be satisfied with and fooled by that camouflage of democracy in political forms which has hitherto, particularly in America, coexisted contentedly, if not unconsciously, with a most ruthless autocracy in industry, finance, and commerce.

"They are going to seek, with increasing clarity of vision and imperativeness of demand, a real democracy which shall penetrate and possess all our life in all its interrelations, particularly in industry and trade.

"They are going to ask that the laborer who invests his personality and very life in a business shall have some larger share in the proceeds and also a larger share in the management of that business along with the capitalist who invests his money therein. THERE IS A RISING SURGE OF ASPIRATION AFTER SUCH A REAL DEMOCRACY. IT IS SPREADING AROUND THE WORLD.

"How are we going to meet it in America? Are we going to attempt merely to militarize the mind of the coming generation into docile submission to the sacrosanct system of 'things as they are,' and to the inviolable authority of the 'powers that be'?

"Are we going further and attempt to suppress by force the rising tides of this new democracy in industry?

"These are evidently the plans of our reactionaries and Tories. IF THEY SUCCEED IN PUTTING WEIGHTS ON THE SAFETY-VALVES OF DEMOCRACY, THEY NEED NOT WONDER IF EXPLOSIONS RESULT. "If Bolshevism ever sweeps over America, it will be due, not to the I. W. W. and the ignorant proletariat who fly the red flag, but to the blind conservatives who resist the cosmic tide of the new democracy."

THE EPISCOPAL PLAN OF UNION

THE WAR-DELAYED EFFORT at church union which the Episcopal Convention of 1910 decided upon, and which was about to be put into execution in 1914, is once more revived. Three bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church were booked to leave New York by the steamship *Aquitania* on her last return trip, says the New York *Evening Post*, to visit Rome and the Near East, "to arrange a conference to bring about unity between the Russian, Greek, and Roman Catholic churches and the Protestant churches of the world." It is recalled that "this will be the first time since the reign of Henry VIII. that Anglican bishops have waited upon the Pope." *The Evening Post* proceeds:

"Altho no definite plan of unity is to be presented at this time, it is said that the churches propose an application of the League of Nations to the religious denominations of the world. Such an arrangement, it is pointed out, would permit coordinate action in large matters, facilitate missionary work by cooperative effort, and at the same time preserve, as far as the different religious sects wish, the sectarian principles as they exist."

Bishop David H. Greer, of the diocese of New York, represents the commission as having no definite plan, but as purposing "to prepare a way for a future conference on Christian unity." This union looks to be representative of all Christian communions throughout the world. The Rev. Dr. Edward M. Stires, of St. Thomas's Episcopal Church, is quoted as saying:

"A league of Christian churches is a moral obligation which has too long been avoided. At this hour it is a moral necessity if the Church is to help the world to live the ideal for which millions of brave men died, if the Church is to give to a wise and just League of Nations that moral and spiritual sanction without which it will be a short-lived sham. It is, of course, proper that a courteous and urgent invitation be offered to Rome, but we might more wisely and more justly seek first the union of our nearly related spiritual brethren of the great Protestant communion."

The mission is looked upon as a step in the way of unity, at least to the extent that "the so-called Catholic or High-Church party and the Low-Church party of the Episcopal Church are in complete accord." From informal negotiations it is believed that the Russian and Greek churches are in sympathy with the movement. Also,

"It is recalled that the Holy See express its willingness to cooperate in a movement toward Christian unity, in a letter from the Papal Secretary of State to Dr. Charles S. McFarland, executive secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and the present commission is expected to take advantage of those earlier negotiations in presenting the plan to the Pope."

The incident is not lost on the *Baltimore Sun*, which is not insensible to the problem confronting its clerical brethren. It sees that, "in point of fact, church unity is both far easier and far more difficult than the formation of a League of Nations":

"It is far easier because there is already a certain formal alliance between all the members of the Christian faith, which constitutes them all units in a common family and the extension of which involves less conflict of interest and less sacrifice than nations would be called upon to make by international union. But it is also much harder because of the pride and naughtiness of the human heart. And yet if Christianity is not to fail now, in the face of the greatest crisis and obligation which have ever confronted it, it must get together on some broad working basis, it must form a spiritual union that will make it a vital and

every-day influence in the lives of all the millions who profess and call themselves Christians.

"The Christian Church is now in the attitude of the young man who threw himself on his knees before Jesus and asked, 'What must I do to be saved?' It is aroused to its sense of need, to a sense of its shortcomings, to the tremendous demand for a new scheme of life, for a revision of its old routine and methods. It must do something to be saved, and it must save itself before it can save others. The hopefulness of the situation is found in the change that has come over the spokesmen of religion in the last year or so. At the beginning of the war most of them resented the suggestion that the Christian churches were in any degree to blame for the outbreak of hellishness. All with one accord at once began to make excuse. Few, if any of them, were willing to admit that ecclesiastical formalism, lukewarmness, worldliness, and denominational rivalry and dissension had anything to do with the failure of the Church to maintain its hold on the hearts and minds of men. But now they are beginning to cry 'Mea culpa,' and not, 'It is somebody else's fault.'

"We believe the principles of the Christian religion are absolutely essential to the safety and the welfare of the world. But if they are to prevail, the churches themselves must be reconverted—not in creeds, but in spirit and in life. No elaborate platform of agreement is necessary to bring about a league of churches. The only thing necessary is that they should 'co-operate in Christian work as brethren.' Heretofore they have not always cooperated in Christian work as 'brethren,' but have frequently worked more like enemies and jealous competitors. 'How these Christians hate one another!' was the cynical remark of a bitter critic who cut down to the very marrow of Christian weakness. To be 'brethren' in truth and in deed does not require surrender of creeds or compromises in faith; but it does require the eradication of hate and prejudice, and the supremacy of the Spirit of Christ, the spirit of brotherhood, the spirit of love. It is going back simply to the first and second Christian commandments—'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy soul, and all thy strength, and all thy mind'; and 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.'

"A long journey for hate and prejudice; but it must be made if the Christian Church is to be saved and is to save the world."

AUSTRIAN HATRED OF ITALIAN CHURCHES—The seeming hatred of religious shrines has been thought a peculiarly Prussian trait, but reports that have been withheld in their detail now seem to show that Austria, too, is tarred with the same brush. Some spectacular cases like the attack on the Scalzi in Venice and that on the rare old edifice in Verona have been brought to our readers with pictorial accompaniment. They will also remember that Padua, near Venice, was frequently visited by Austrian airplanes that injured the Cathedral, tho not seriously, and put in jeopardy the famous frescoes of Giotto in the Arena Chapel, the pride of the whole Christian art world. The *Philadelphia Inquirer* now speaks of special information that swells the story of Austrian as well as German infamy:

"The report of an Italian 'society to aid churches ruined in the war' shows that in Venice and Gorizia more than a hundred churches were destroyed and nearly that number seriously damaged. This was not an accidental result of the fighting. The churches were not merely shot at; they were looted as well. A special dispatch to *The Inquirer* from Rome shows that millions of dollars' worth of vestments, vessels, altar furnishings and bells were taken away. Many of these can never be replaced, even tho the Italian claim for reparation should include a demand for their return.

"This is the more singular in that Austria, above all other European nations, has been faithful to Roman Catholicism. Her armies, if any, might be expected to show peculiar reverence for the shrines of the faith. It will be recalled that the Pope sent a special plea to Vienna for the exemption of Venice and other Italian cities from destructive bombing by airplanes. There was, indeed, a general feeling that the Austrians would shrink from imitating the barbarities of the Germans, which partook of sacrilege to religious minds. But all the evidence goes to show that they had no compunctions on this score.

"The work of reconstruction in Venice, as the same dispatch points out, will be as difficult as the work in France. The Austrian occupation lasted but a little over a year, yet in that time an incredible work of devastation was done. That the doers of it shall pay as far as possible is mere justice. The Peace Conference can hardly decide otherwise."

DIPLOMACY IGNORING GOD

IT IS NOT A RELIGIOUS ORGAN, but one of those journals that might be supposed to devote itself entirely to material interests—a "trade paper"—which calls attention to "a very serious omission in the platform of the League of Nations as cabled from Paris." "Nowhere in the platform, nor, so far as reported, in the proceedings that led up to its promulgation," says *The American Lumberman* (Chicago), "is to be found any hint of official or public recognition of the fact, generally accepted by civilized humanity, of the existence of a Supreme Being who rules the destinies of nations, nor any petition for divine guidance in the most momentous crisis in the history of the world." *The American Lumberman* asks if this is a "trifling omission," and if "it is mere bigotry to refer to it?" It ventures to affirm that Americans who are familiar with their country's history will not so regard it.

"The founders of this Republic recorded in the Declaration of Independence their 'firm reliance upon the protection of Divine Providence.' This sentiment was reiterated by Lincoln in his immortal address at Gettysburg, as well as in other addresses and state papers, and has been reaffirmed by every President from Washington to Wilson. During the darkest period of the Civil War the motto 'In God We Trust' was ordered stamped upon our silver coinage, by Act of Congress. When, a few years ago, it was proposed to drop this motto from the coinage the suggestion aroused such a tidal wave of protest that it was immediately abandoned. There is no reason to believe that American sentiment has changed in this regard since then. Our national anthem likewise declares that 'In God is our trust,' and the national hymn 'America' expresses the identical thought in the verse beginning 'Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty . . . Are these sentiments, woven into the very fiber of the nation, mere pious platitudes, or do they express the real heartbeat of America? *The American Lumberman* is certain that the latter is true.

"Man proposes, but God disposes," and unless the League of Nations takes into account—not alone in words, but in spirit—the fact of God, it is foredoomed to failure, just as every previous plan and scheme of men to insure permanent peace has broken down under the pressure of national ambition, hatred, or avarice—traits that have not yet been banished from the world. There must be something more potent than bayonets or battle-ships, needful as both are under present world conditions, as the ultimate authority. Back of the citizen is the state—using the term in its broad sense—and back of the state is, or will be, the League of Nations. Back of the League must be God, if it is to endure.

"Are these idle words on a subject of little consequence? Listen to the Bolshevik creed as recently stated by one Wicks, head of the so-called *Soviet* in Portland, Ore. 'Your democracy,' said he, 'is a lie; your liberty is a lie; your God is a lie.' One of the principal tenets of anarchy, Bolshevism, and every other such cancerous growth upon the body politic is and always has been repudiation of any responsibility to a Supreme Being.

"The Brotherhood of Man, without recognition and acceptance of the Fatherhood of God, is a dangerous delusion. This is having abundant proof in Russia to-day, where God has been 'officially abolished' by the Bolsheviks, who are exemplifying their ideas of the Brotherhood of Man by gouging out the eyes of helpless captives and committing every excess that fiends incarnate can devise. Disarmament is no guaranty of lasting peace. As George Bernard Shaw has well said recently: 'If the will to fight continues, the means will always be forthcoming.'

"More than any other nation, America is sponsor for the League of Nations. It is born of the same spirit of high idealism that actuated the American soldiers who died at Château-Thierry and the Argonne. America has earned the right to demand, and should demand, through her representatives at Paris, that in the final draft of the constitution of the League the omission that has been here discussed shall be supplied. If the sentiment 'In God We Trust' is good enough to stamp upon our coinage it is good enough to appear, in suitable phraseology, in that epitome of the aspirations of humanity.

"The tumult and the shouting dies,
The captains and the kings depart;
Still stands thine ancient sacrifice,
A humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!"



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SPANIARDS IN THE UNITED STATES

SPANISH AND THE SPANIARDS—An important fact to be noted about the many persons in the United States who speak Spanish as their original tongue is that only a minority are Spaniards who have immigrated to the United States in latter years. Spanish, it will be readily recalled, is the national language of Mexico, Central America, and the countries of South America, excepting Brazil. In Brazil, Portuguese is the national medium of intercourse, altho in this state of South America and others, as well as in Central America, many denizens speak Spanish and Portuguese with more or less equal facility. Now many thousands of people have come among us from these countries. But here we are interested solely in the assimilation of Spaniards from Spain, who have immigrated to the United States to settle here for good, or merely to earn a livelihood during a certain fixed period and thereafter to return to their homeland.

EMIGRATION FROM SPAIN TO THE UNITED STATES—The bulk of Spanish natives in the United States has been coming in a steady flow for many years. We speak of recent years only, because American history shows so plainly how influential Spanish immigration to the western hemisphere has been since the discovery of Christopher Columbus. The mere record of certain Spanish names that are written in the annals of American professional and commercial life is proof of their complete assimilation. But in the marvelous industrial expansion of the United States during the past twenty-five years or more this country, as is well known, drew on all Europe for skilled and unskilled labor. Much of this man-power for industries came from south and southeastern Europe. Spain's contribution to American requirements is not so generally known.

SPAIN'S POPULATION HERE—The larger percentage of Spanish immigrants in this country are of the unskilled laboring class. Before the war the tide of immigration was heavily on the increase. Shipping conditions during the war naturally caused a slackening in the numbers of Spaniards bound to our shores. Yet during the war, we are told by a reputable authority, from 30 to 40 per cent. of the unskilled workers in munition-plants, shipyards, mines, and other industries were Spaniards from Spain.

THE RETURN TO SPAIN—Despite the fact that many of the workers in war-industries were gaining from seven to twelve dollars per day a great return movement to Spain began with the inauguration of the compulsory military service law after the United States had become involved in the world conflict. The spirit of the law, Spanish authorities admit, was "very magnanimous," but the interpretation as practised by some agents of the Government confounded a host of Spanish laborers who did not understand English, either to speak or to read, sufficiently to assure them of their rights. The result was that many of these workers simply ignored the law, basing their decision on the fact that they were not American, but Spanish citizens. Naturally, many of them were taken into custody by the agents of the Government. But the United States Government fairly met the problem by appointing a military exemption board at the service of the *Union Benefica Española*, the chief Spanish benevolent association in this country. The appraisers on this board, lawyers who know Spanish and American law equally, served, as American lawyers all did, without remuneration, and voluntarily. It is in the records of the *Union Benefica Española* that it retrieved two thousand men who were drafted mistakenly.

PRESENT POPULATION OF THE SPANIARDS—It is stated that at present the population of Spaniards in the United States may be safely numbered at 80,000. They incline very decidedly to settle in colonies of their own people. One group is to be found in the coal-mining districts of West Virginia. There, it is said, a settlement of about two thousand dwell in a village built after a genuine Spanish model. They are a notable constituent of the population also in large industrial centers such

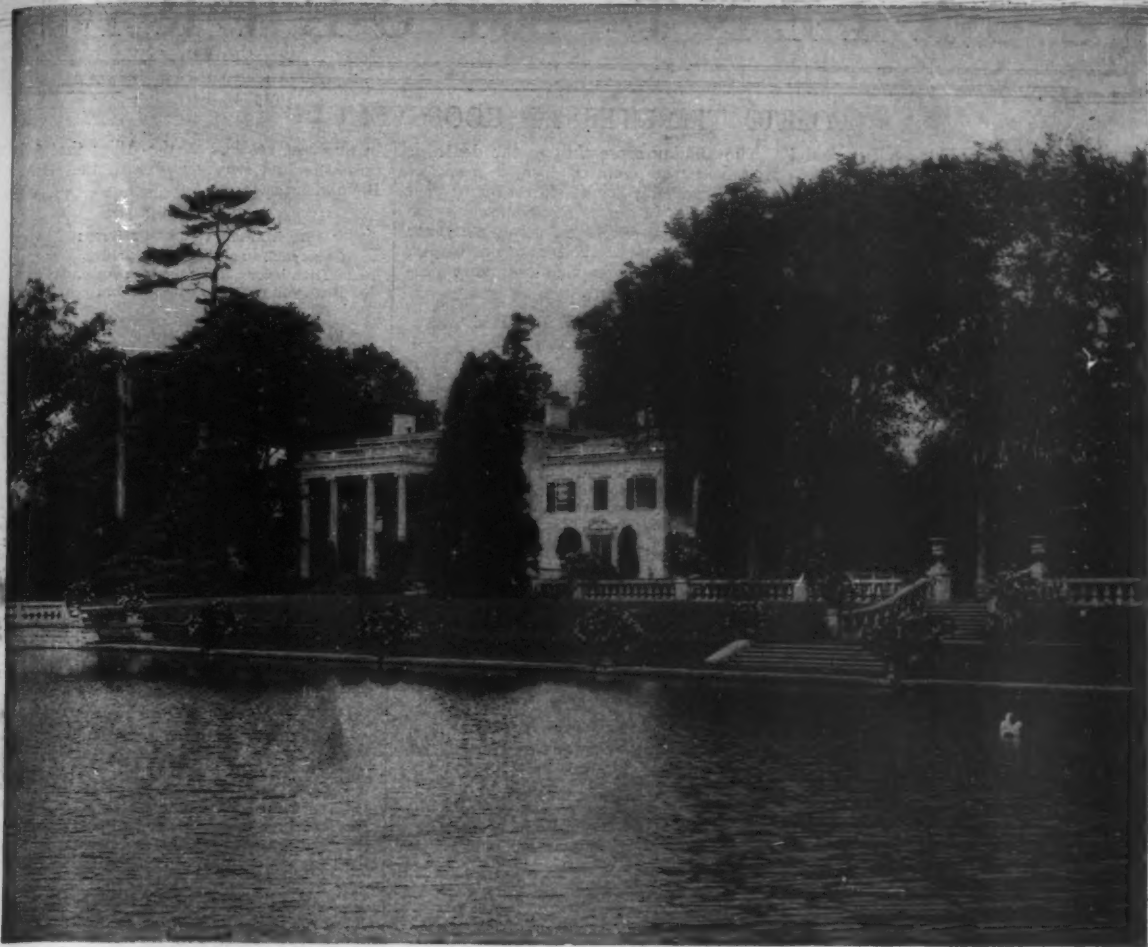
as Philadelphia, Cleveland, New York, Newark, Elizabethport, New Jersey, Bayonne, and Waterbury, Connecticut. Many Spaniards also are to be found in Tampa, Florida, where they work in cigar-factories or are engaged in agricultural pursuits. In the main, we are informed, they are spread all over the country, and, owing to changing labor conditions at present, their movements are in divers directions. As laborers they are said to be steady and industrious, and they quickly accommodate themselves to the varieties of climate encountered in the different sections of the United States.

ASSIMILATION OF THE SPANIARDS—Of the Spaniards who have come here as laborers in recent years a great many are married men. It has been their practise to send to Spain monthly sums for the support of their family. After a due period they would be able to bring the family into this country and rear their children under American institutions. The abnormal high cost of living in the war-years, of course, discouraged this tendency. But, we are told, once conditions return to normal the Spaniards will be prompt to settle and take root in the United States. Two reasons impel them to this course, of which the first is that the Spanish laborer can earn more money here and enjoy better living conditions than he enjoys at home. The second is—more generally appreciated among the better-informed workers—the opportunity for the advancement of their offspring.

AMERICAN DUTY TO THE SPANISH IMMIGRANT—Some Spanish observers here claim that the Spanish workman is held at a distance from American currents of thought and progress as the result of a lack of understanding. They speak regretfully of the fact that he goes from the mine or the factory to his home and back again as a mere human machine. The consequence is that he drifts into narrowed circles of his own class and race and unconsciously ignores the vast opportunities provided by the American Government in education and self-advancement. The statement applies only to the Spanish laborer, who is in the majority of the more lately acquired Spanish population in this country, and who must be differentiated from the Spaniards prominent in commerce and the professions. To meet the situation, it has been suggested by a well-advised authority that in all industrial centers where Spaniards are to be found in numbers educational organizations should take them in hand and encourage them in the study of our language and nationalism.

THE SPANISH LABORING CLASS—A chief point claimed in favor of the Spanish workman is that he is law-abiding and thrifty. Court records, we are told, rarely reveal a Spaniard charged with a major or minor offense. To be sure, there are exceptions to the rule, but in general, it is held, the Spaniards are people of moderate habits and very regular in their work. Nor do they figure largely as public charges. Their great benevolent society, *La Union Benefica Española*, looks after the indigent or the sick, or those in need of legal advice, as shown in the draft-law cases. But the majority do not really require outside aid, and they ask it only because they feel it is forthcoming as they are members of the society in good standing. This society has branches wherever Spaniards are settled in this country and also shows consideration to Spaniards who are not of the membership.

THE TWO CLASSES OF SPANIARDS HERE—Among the unskilled Spanish workers about 90 per cent. know how to read and write Spanish, and the majority of them do not speak or write English. Therefore, it is urged by some Spanish authorities that they should be invited and stimulated to learn English, so they may the more speedily qualify for American citizenship. On the other hand, altho the commercial and professional classes of Spaniards are in the minority, they incline very readily toward American citizenship because they come here to stay. As exporters and importers, especially on the Atlantic coast, Spaniards are influential in our civic life; and as professional men, tho comparatively small in number, they rank high in distinction.



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CURRENT - POETRY

POETIC TRIBUTES TO ROOSEVELT

THE death of Colonel Roosevelt evoked a great choir of song, and while no one will venture to ascribe the term "great" to any of the poetic tributes thus far published, and the workmanship in some cases shows signs of haste, no one can deny the warmth and sincerity of their inspiration. One is especially impressed with the recurrent allusion to the ennobling lesson of Roosevelt's career, and this sentiment is most strikingly expressed in the lines of Rudyard Kipling, entitled "Great-Heart." An interesting coincidence is that Senator Lodge, Roosevelt's lifelong friend, also drew upon "The Pilgrim's Progress" for an image of the dead man when he said at the end of his eulogy in the Senate: "So Valiant-for-Truth passed over and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side." "Great-Heart" is here reproduced by special permission of the Philadelphia Evening Public Ledger, in which it appeared on February 8. The poem is copyrighted, 1919, by Rudyard Kipling and by the Public Ledger Company, and must not be reprinted without their permission.

"GREAT-HEART"

A Poem Dedicated to the Memory of Theodore Roosevelt, Aposopos of Roosevelt Memorial Day

By RUDYARD KIPLING

["The Interpreter then called for a man-servant of his, one Great-Heart."—Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress."]

Concerning brave captains
Our age hath made known
For all men to honor,
One standeth alone,
Of whom, o'er both oceans,
Both peoples may say:
"Our realm is diminished
With Great-Heart away."

In purpose unsparing,
In action no less,
The labors he praised
He would seek and profess
Through travail and battle,
At hazard and pain
And our world is none the braver
Since Great-Heart was ta'en.

Plain speech with plain folk,
And plain words for false things,
Plain faith in plain dealing
"Twixt neighbors or kings
He used and he followed,
However it sped . . .
Oh, our world is none more honest
Now Great-Heart is dead.

The heat of his spirit
Struck warm through all lands;
For he loved such as showed
"Emselves men of their hands,
In love, as in hate,
Paying home to the last . . .
But our world is none the kinder
Now Great-Heart hath passed.

Hard-schooled by long power,
Yet most humble of mind
Where aught that he was
Might advantage mankind,
Leal servant, loved master,
Rare comrade, sure guide . . .
Oh, our world is none the safer
Now Great-Heart hath died.

Let those who would handle
Make sure they can wield
His far-reaching sword
And his close-guarding shield;
For those who must journey
Henceforward alone
Have need of stout convoy
Now Great-Heart is gone.

The abiding sense that in the death of Roosevelt the country lost a man of unique leadership is well expressed by Edward S. Van Zile, in verses contributed to the *New York Evening Sun*. Yet, whatever our grief may be at the loss of our leader, the counsel is given that we must progress, led by his spirit.

CLOSE UP THE RANKS!

By EDWARD S. VAN ZILE

I

Gently Death came to him and bent to him asleep;
His spirit passed, and, lo, his lovers weep,
But not for him; for him the unafraid—
In tears, we ask, "Who'll lead the great crusade?"

II

"Who'll hearten us to carry on the war
For those ideals our fathers battled for;
To give our hearts to one dear flag alone,
The flag beloved whose splendid soul has flown?"

III

With his last breath he gave a clarion cry:
"They only serve who do not fear to die;
He only lives who's worthy of our dead!
Beware the peril of the seed that's spread"

IV

"By them who'll reap a harvest of despair,
By them whose dreams unstable are as air;
By them who see the rainbow in the sky,
But not the storm that threatens by and by."

V

Our leader rests, his voice forever still,
But let us vow to do our leader's will!
Close up the ranks! Our Captain is not dead!
His soul shall live, and by his soul we're led;

VI

Led forward fighting for the real, the true,
Not turned aside by what the dreamers do.
If he could speak he would not have us weep,
But souls awake whose Captain lies asleep.

To Charles Hanson Towne the passing of Roosevelt appeared as some new journeying of "divine adventure." It is of interest to note that in the concluding lines of his poem, published in the *New York Tribune*, Mr. Towne attributes to Roosevelt the sentiment quoted as the last utterance of Cecil Rhodes, namely, that there remained so much for him to do in the world.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

By CHARLES HANSON TOWNE

I

On what divine adventure has he gone?
Beyond what peaks of dawn
Is he now faring? On what errand blest
Has his impulsive heart now turned? No rest
Could be the portion of his tireless soul.
He seeks some frenzied goal
Where he can labor on till Time is not,
And earth is nothing but a thing forgot.

II

Pilot and Prophet! as the years increase
The sorrow of your passing will not cease.
We love to think of you still moving on
From sun to blazing sun,
From planet to far planet, to some height
Of clear perfection in the Infinite,
Where with the wise Immortals you can find
The Peace you fought for with your heart and mind.

Yet from that bourne where you are journeying
Sometimes we think we hear you whispering,
"I went away, O world, so false and true,
I went away—with still so much to do!"

From the *Baltimore News* we select two vivid stanzas by Marion Couthouy Smith, who pictures Roosevelt as having gone

in quest of soldiers of the Allies that fell in battle and whose leader in the Great Beyond he is to be.

THE STAR

By MARION COUTHOUY SMITH

Great soul, to all brave souls akin,
High bearer of the torch of truth,
Have you not gone to marshal in
Those eager hosts of youth?

Flung outward by the battle's tide,
They met in regions dim and far;
And you—in whom youth never died—
Shall lead them, as a star!

The last words spoken by Roosevelt give inspiration to various writers, among whom is Edith Daley, author of the following lines in the *San Francisco Chronicle*:

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

By EDITH DALEY

"Put out the light!" Altho the stars were dim,
What need of feeble flickering lamps to him
In that high-altared hour? The touch of sleep
Had brought remembrance of his tryst to keep—
A morning tryst—with God's gray messenger.
No sound—no cry—no hesitating stir;
His fearless soul long since had knelt and kissed
A waiting Cross; had borne it through life's mist
From an unlighted lone Gethsemane
To the Christ-hallowed crest of Calvary.

"Put out the light!" Men smile through falling
tears,
Remembering the courage of his years
That stood, each one, for God, humanity
And covenanted world-wide Liberty!
The Nation mourns. Laurel the chancel-rail;
Muffle the drums. Columbia's banners trail
Their grieving folds; but memories of him flame
And light the deathless glory of his name.

"Put out the light!" He needs it not who won
A place of permanence within the sun!

Poet and musician have joined effort in the "Friend of the World," a memorial song by Harriet Gaylord, which has been set to music by the composer, Henry Hadley. On February 9, the Sunday dedicated as Roosevelt Memorial Day, this song, of which we quote a part, was sung at some of the memorial exercises in churches.

FRIEND OF THE WORLD

By HARRIET GAYLORD

Flowers of love we are bringing,
Friend of the World,
Plucked from hearts that are bleeding,
Hearts that are aching with need,
Needing the Friend of the World.
Countless millions, we're bending,
Bending with spirits fured,
Over that grave where you're resting,
Great-hearted Friend of the World.

Eagle, now flown to your eagle,
"Friend of the World,
Up to your starry bowers
Rear we our mountains of flowers,
Love for the Friend of the World.
Friend of the humble and needy;
Friend of the bird and beast;
Friend of the king and the pauper;
Friend of the rabbi and priest.

King of men and good fellows,
Friend of the World,
You loved your life and you gave it,
Not stinting or trying to save it,
Because you were Friend to the World.
You did not know you were tired;
You would not have chosen to rest;
You fought to the end for things noble,
Things deepest, sincerest, and best.

A plain but graphic portrait of Roosevelt is given in these lines by T. E. Thomas,

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REVIEWS - OF - NEW - BOOKS

OUR FAMILY LIFE SINCE THE CIVIL WAR

Calhoun, Arthur W., Ph.D. *A Social History of the American Family from Colonial Times to the Present.* Vol. III. Since the Civil War. 8vo, pp. 411. Cincinnati: A. H. Clark Company. \$5 net.

Dr. Calhoun, the publishers, and the public are entitled to felicitations on the completion by the issue of this third volume of a useful and excellent work. This instalment covers in fourteen chapters the history of the American family, north and south, east and west, for fifty years. Such suggestive captions appear as *The White Family in the South*, *Miscegenation*, *The Negro Family since Emancipation*, *The New Basis of American Life*, *Race-Sterility and Race-Suicide*, *Divorce*, and *The Attitude of the Church*. There are also a bibliography (covering periodical and book literature) of twenty-six pages and an Index to the three volumes of fifty-three pages. Curiously enough, none of Roosevelt's speeches on race-suicide receives mention in the bibliography, in spite of their vigor and pertinence. Yet editorials of lesser worth and fame are recognized. Such a minor defect can not dim, however, the splendor of the author's performance. It is a sterling work, based upon patient research by an enthusiast whose heart is sound and in the right place.

The first three chapters describe the result of the war mainly in the South. They picture the straits to which women especially were reduced by the impoverishment of the Southern States, the loss of life among the men, and the migration of many survivors to the North and West. The necessity of earning a living induced ultimately a new independence among women. But for a time it caused an increase in vice, a temporary elation and consequent display of equality among the colored population, and an increase in miscegenation and illegitimacy. But education was fostered at great sacrifice among the whites, to the great advantage of the second generation. Meanwhile, there was a general upward trend in the permanency and morality of the colored population. In the chapter on *The New Basis of American Life*, the effects of industrialism are studied. The scale of wages made it necessary for the family to assist in wage-earning. In Massachusetts:

"Of the skilled workmen (in 1875), 56 per cent. got along 'alone'; of the unskilled, but 9 per cent.; of the salaried overseers, 75 per cent. . . . Recent studies of wages and living (in 1894) leave the student convinced that a large proportion of the workmen of the United States are still incapable of entirely supporting their families."

Of course, since that time a vast improvement has been made in the conditions of the workingman. Indeed, this chapter reveals the contrast in the economic conditions of labor between the early seventies and the present. The discussion of *Race-Sterility and Race-Suicide* shows a steady diminution in the birth-rate of native Americans as compared with foreign-born women, even after allowing for a higher infant mortality. In the majority of families which have experienced several generations of comparative ease and culture, "the numbers become stationary, then decline, and finally the families

themselves, so far as public knowledge goes, become extinct." Especially worthy of study is the chapter on *The Attitude of the Church*. And the judgment, in general, is adverse to the Church:

"The churches are still weak on economic and general social perspectives; they have often regarded the letter rather than the spirit; and they put undue stress on personal ethics as if preachments could create morality superior to the fundamental economic base."

Speaking of teaching on matters of sex morality, the author remarks: "It is unfortunate that in general upon this as on other matters the Church lacks disposition to attack fundamentals." The author's closing paragraph gives his outlook as follows:

"The American family in its distinctive features has been . . . a product of the ascendancy of the *bourgeoisie* class, the dominance of a virgin continent, and the industrial revolution. The frontier is gone, and the industrial revolution is still at work, now undermining the present social order, and the end of class domination is in sight. A new family is inevitable, a family based on the conservation and scientific administration of limited natural resources, on the social ownership of the instrumentalities of economic production and the universal enjoyment of the fruits, and on a social democracy devoid of artificial stratification based on economic exploitation. Such is the promise of American life, of the world life."

ANECDOTES OF FAMOUS PERSONALITIES

Shriner, Charles A. Wit, Wisdom, and Follies of the Great. Together with numerous anecdotes illustrative of the characters of people and their rulers. Large 8vo, pp. viii-598. New York and London: Funk & Wagnalls Company. \$5 net.

For the orator, after-dinner speaker, student, or desultory reader such a volume as this may prove a veritable treasure. It is a collection of anecdotes, judgments, and sayings by and about four hundred "great" ones—"emperors, kings, statesmen, jurists, and other eminent personages." These may give insight into character, point a moral, or illustrate a principle. They aim to give the human side of the subject. A few phrases or expressions come in for explanation or elucidation, such as "benefit of clergy," "Brother Jonathan," "Chouan," dauphin, and the like. The incidents, anecdotes, estimates, and quotations are proportioned in number and length to the importance of the subject. To Chester A. Arthur, for instance, is given half a column, to Bismarck twenty-six pages. To the most prominent individuals is devoted also a bibliography, while each citation given is traced to its source or author. Especial attention has been paid to reviews, magazines, and the daily and weekly press, and these on a vast scale, on the principle that these are usually the result of such special research as corrects the possibly erroneous work of historians, and certainly supplements them, and are the consequence often of challenge and special effort to elicit the truth.

The volume is the result of prolonged, patient, and persistent effort, intelligently directed to accentuate the less-known traits and elements of character. The arrangement is alphabetical, and there is an index which serves also as an analysis

which we quote from the Phoenix Arizona Republican.

ROOSEVELT

By T. E. THOMAS

'Twas not in him to deal with cringing touch
Or remonstrate with fawning pliant—
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Nor had he faith in those whose acts were such
That led to doubt their aim in any fight.
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No compromise was his, with purpose whole,
He favored or opposed with all his soul.

No foeman's steel brought terror to his eyes;
No prophany could he endure,
Nor sight that was not plain and pure.
His friendship was no traitors' paradise;
He measured men and deeds with common sense,
And gave to each in turn fair recompense
As they deserved, of either blame or praise,
For his were always just, not devious ways.

A master mind was his, both brilliant and profound,
Gifted with a reasoning rare;
Boldly 'twas his to do and dare.

With precept manly and with judgment sound,
No sophist's plea nor sham could bar his way;
Each act with him must bear the open light of day;
No half-way measure sought, could satisfy
Or meet his questioning of How or Why.

He served his time, his people, and his land,
And as he served, so did he reap.
The silent summons found him in his sleep.
Peaceful in death, in resignation grand,
His glorious soul has through the portal flown
To meet the only master it had ever known.
From earth's great trials triumphantly it passed,
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By GRACE D. VANAMEE

Toll the bells, toll the bells,
Solemn and slow;
Let the world know
A whole nation's woe.
Toll the bells, toll the bells,
Solemn and slow.

The knell it has sounded,
A leader is dead;
His brave voice is silent,
His great spirit fled.
Not now shall we praise him,
Except by our grief;
The future his virtues
Will carve in relief.
Over his pall
Let our tears fall;
Profound is our sorrow,
Dark looms our to-morrow.

He spent and was spent
For Truth and for Right,
He gave of his best,
He fought the good fight.
The fight is not ended,
For traitors still throng,
Tho he who defended
His country from wrong—
Who bore every test—
Has passed into rest.

Bring garlands of flowers
To cover his bier,
Let not a coward
Dare to come near.
The man of the age
Has gone from our ken.
The world will ne'er see
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It is a volume, therefore, which belongs in the revolving case or on the desk, a treasury from which to draw the feather to wing the shaft or the point to make the arrow stick. Or it will serve equally well to enrich the mind in spare minutes with intimate knowledge of the great characters in modern history—sixteenth century and later.

OTHER BOOKS WORTH WHILE

Raemaekers, Louis. *Cartoon History of the War.* 4to, pp. 200. New York: The Century Company. \$1.75.

This is the second volume of four in which Raemaekers's war-cartoons are being gathered, arranged with explanatory comment in chronological order, and put on sale at a popular price. The drawings in this volume deal with both the great and the small events of the war, from August, 1915, to August, 1916. Mr. Raemaekers was prophet enough to see at the time that some of the apparently minor happenings of this war were really more significant than the great battles and sweeping campaigns. This, for instance, was the year of the Cavell and Fryatt murders and the sinking of the *Sussex*, as well as of the Austro-German conquest of Serbia, the evacuation of Gallipoli, and the German offensive at Verdun. Some of the most striking drawings in this volume are the one showing the Kaiser counting his bag of British children killed in air-raids, several depicting the slaughter at Verdun, a number illustrating Germany's campaign for peace on her own terms, "The Last Ride," showing pale Death riding behind the Kaiser, and the famous "German Tango," with exhausted Germania clasped in the arms of a grinning skeleton.

Wolf, Simon. *The Presidents I Have Known.* From 1800 to 1918. Pp. 464. Washington, D. C. \$3.

Mr. Wolf's acquaintance with Presidents is extended; his book contains chapters on Buchanan, Lincoln, Johnson, Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Cleveland, Harrison, McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft, and Wilson. Theodore Roosevelt gets more space than any other President. Some of the most interesting material, however, comes in connection with the brief administration of James A. Garfield. Garfield sent Mr. Wolf to Egypt as Consul-General. Mr. Wolf, it may be noted, has always taken a very active part in all efforts for the improvement of the lot of his fellow Hebrews in all countries. One day while he was in Egypt there were rumors of a great native uprising. The British Consul-General came in and gave the American Consul-General, sitting in a Cairo hotel, a chance to make a reputation as a humorist by making a remark which circulated for years in Egypt and even in other countries. Said the British Consul-General excitedly: "My dear colleague, there is going to be an uprising among the natives to-night and they are going to slaughter all the Christians and Europeans." As Mr. Wolf goes on: "I drank my coffee very complacently, and, receiving no response from me, he reiterated his statement and I replied, 'How does that concern me? I am neither a European nor a Christian.'"

Clemenceau, Georges. *France Facing Germany*. Pp. 395. New York: E. P. Dutton & Co. \$2.

This is a collection of characteristic excerpts from speeches and articles delivered or written by Mr. Clemenceau before his accession to the war-time Premiership of France. They deal with the origins of the war as well as with the progress of hostilities and the title well describes the idea which runs through the whole volume. The first selection is a speech delivered during Mr. Clemenceau's earlier term of Premier in 1906, and it breathes his passion for the recovery of Alsace and Lorraine. The second is a Senate speech on the Morocco agreement of 1911. Then there are a series of utterances which may be grouped about the Zabern affair. Then the war comes and we read Clemenceau's fiery and patriotic comments on its events up to the summer of 1916. Selections from the speeches printed in this book have appeared in articles in other departments of recent issues of THE LITERARY DIGEST.

Hergesheimer, Joseph. *Java Head*. Pp. 255. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. \$1.50 net.

In one of the season's popular plays, the problem of love between a man of the West and a woman of the East is solved by the very simple expedient of discovering in the very last scene of the last act that the supposed full-blood Chinese girl is really the daughter of an American missionary. Mr. Hergesheimer does not resort to anything quite so crude as this. But he does end a similar situation by letting the Chinese wife of a Salem sea-captain commit suicide just as the romantic problem becomes really interesting. The story gives something the effect of the opening chapter of a serial. There are clever character portrayals and a rather vivid impression of old Salem with its prejudices, its New England ways, and its sea-trade glories just beginning to dim. The most charming thing in Mr. Hergesheimer's book is the description of the Manchur lady who is dropt down so unexpectedly into the Amidon household. And there is a real thrill in her encounter with the opium-crazed Dunsack.

Thorndike, Lynn. *The History of Medieval Europe*. With maps, including fourteen full-page and five double-page. Pp. 640. Boston and New York: Houghton Mifflin Company. \$2.75.

Professor Thorndike has written a history text-book of a new type. It is a difficult task to squeeze the history of Europe from the beginning of the Christian era to the opening of the sixteenth century within six hundred-odd pages. Professor Thorndike has succeeded in keeping a true perspective. The forest does not obscure the trees. Great movements, epic-making personalities, are stress and detail is subordinated. The result is that the student or general reader has his attention focused on Justinian and Charlemagne, Gregory the Great and Innocent III., and does not confuse them with long lists of unimportant emperors and popes with similar names. For this reason we miss the usual chronological lists and genealogical tables, a few of which, however, might well have been included for purposes of reference. The maps must be commended both for number and selection. Students who have used this text should be able to shut their eyes and see the divisions of feudal France, the scope of the Holy Roman Empire, and the movements of barbarians. Some of Professor Thorndike's best chapters are those describing the growth of the Christian



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RECENT FICTION

Gale, Zona. *Birth*. Pp. 402. New York: The Macmillan Company. \$1.60.

Nearly half of this novel describes the married life of an unambitious, unprepossessing salesman and a beautiful village orphan who met by chance in Mrs. Arrow-smith's dining-room. Marshall Pitt, the hero, is one of those good, but good-for-nothing, heroes whom many novelists just before the war seemed to delight in. He is the one completely drawn character in the book. Barbara, his wife, is the center of some of the most dramatic scenes, but is snatched away from the reader as soon as interest in her psychology has been fully aroused. Jeffrey, the boy whose birth is meant to be the central fact of the story, curiously fails to arouse sympathy. There is a decided dropping off of interest toward the end of the story, the real climax of which is Barbara's flight after the birth of her son. The thing Miss Gale does well is the creation of minor characters, everyday Middle-Westerners of Burage. There are village girls whose "faces had stopt"; Mrs. Hollie Copper with her philosophy of life and marriage; Mrs. Henry Bates, fifty, heavy, shapeless, who had had her seven children and two husbands, but whose mind ever went back to the time of her triumphs when "my waist measured just eighteen inches and my curls met it."

Cabell, James Branch. *Beyond Life*. New York: Robert M. McElride & Co. \$1.50.

"People interested in adroit thinking," especially if such people do not mind a semioccasional slopping-over into trite paradox or rather sophomoric erudition, will find a good ten hours of intellectual stimulation in Mr. Cabell's new story-essay. As the fiction runs, John Charteris, an ironical, disillusioned, but occasionally enthusiastic novelist, talks the night through of matters that have to do with literature and life—such as the lure of the Golden Girl that is every man's unattainable ideal; prohibition, which is no ideal of Mr. Cabell's; unhappiness in marriage; the happiness to be attained through a proper invocation of the romantic spirit, and, in brief, of the excellent good and depraved bad of which so much of life seems to be composed. However, only the wise in certain conceits could have written about it with Mr. Cabell's charm.

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As for Jazz Drama—

We read about releases. It is a technical term, but everybody understands what it means. It means that things are being let loose upon us.—R. B. in *Life*.

WORLD-RECONSTRUCTION PLANS

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one office to the other and get away in the shortest possible time.

"At the Ordnance office he turns in his equipment, except his steel helmet and clothing, which he is allowed to keep. The representative of the Soldiers' Civil Reestablishment Department gives him such information and advice as he may require and a card of introduction to the nearest branch of the Provincial Returned Soldiers' Commission. To the head office of the latter a record is sent of all men interviewed by this representative. The paymaster issues the man a check covering his back pay, clothing allowance of \$35, and first month's War Service Gratuity. Finally the Officer Commanding gives each man his discharge certificate and passes him on to the railway agent from whom he receives a free ticket to his home town. The military authorities also conduct an information and complaint office in charge of an officer specially qualified for that purpose.

"As soon as the man is handed his discharge certificate, he is a civilian, and immediately passes from under the control of the Department of Militia and Defense. But the care of the Government does not end at this point. The military authorities supply adequate quarters and rations for the men until train-time and for those who wish to stay overnight. Out-of-town men who are given overnight leave, and do not wish to remain in barracks, can find the best of accommodations at hostels provided by the Y. M. C. A., Knights of Columbus, and the Salvation Army. In Toronto, for instance, these three organizations have provided ample accommodation at the low rate of twenty-five cents for a bed and twenty-five cents for a meal. The same is true of Montreal, though here the Salvation Army has no hostel. This lack is, however, more than made up by the Khaki League, a local organization which has recently increased its accommodation to four hundred beds. This League gives the soldier free board and room for the first ten days, but after that charges the unit rate of twenty-five cents."

No returning soldier fails to receive a hearty welcome to his home town, as reception committees have been organized in every locality to receive every man as he leaves his train. Soldiers' dependents, returning from overseas, are cared for much in the same manner as the fighting men themselves.

Canada justly prides herself on her treatment of her troops, which is probably more generous than that of any other nation. In addition to whatever back pay, pension, or clothing allowance may be due, every soldier or sailor honorably discharged on or after November 11, 1918, receives a War Service Gratuity, consisting of his pay, field allowance, and separation allowance for a period beyond his discharge. The maximum gratuity is for 183 days' pay and allowances, which is given to a man who has served three years, any part of his service having been overseas. Soldiers and sailors discharged before November 11, 1918, receive war-service gratuities only if they served in the

actual theater of war. Others are entitled to "post discharge pay" only.

Another pressing matter is the care of the wounded:

"Speaking in Toronto, on December 16, 1918, General Mewburn stated that there were 32,000 hospital cases in England and 10,000 in France. 'These must not be hurried home,' he went on to say. 'They are now getting the best hospital treatment in the world and to move them before they are sufficiently recovered might have very serious results.'

"However, as soon as such men are fit to move they are brought home on hospital-ships in care of the Canadian Army Medical Corps. On arriving at the Atlantic ports they are taken on hospital-trains to the various military hospitals and are kept in charge of the military authorities until certified by a Board of Medical Officers as either cured or in such a condition as to require prolonged or permanent institutional care.

"In the latter case they are taken on the pay-rolls of the Medical Services Branch of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Reestablishment and placed in suitable hospitals. This branch is under the direction of Lieut.-Col. F. McKelvey Bell. It has built or taken over a large number of institutions throughout the country and has made arrangements for the care of its patients in numerous other hospitals not under its control. Thus on December 1, 1918, 3,490 patients were under treatment in over 150 institutions.

"Sanatoria for treating tuberculosis under the most favorable conditions are operated in every province under the direct supervision of this branch. Occupational therapy has played a big part in the sanatoria where soldiers are being cared for, and the vast majority of cases recover.

"In addition to the tubercular patients, mentally affected cases form a large class of those cared for by this branch, which has one institution set aside for patients who are likely to respond to treatment. Incurables, who can not take industrial reeducation and become self-supporting, are to be cared for in special hospitals, one of which is already in operation at Toronto."

Arrangements have also been made for the free treatment of recurrent illness or disability, primarily due to war-service. Artificial limbs are provided free by a Government factory in Toronto, the fitters being, for the most part, veterans themselves wearing artificial limbs.

If a soldier through his service has been incapacitated for the resumption of his former occupation, the Government trains him for new activities, supporting him during the period of his training. The educational work is carried on by the Vocational Training Branch of the Reestablishment Department, and is of two types: First, occupational therapy, carried on in hospitals, which involves the teaching of occupations to bedridden patients. As far as possible, these occupations are useful, but often the weaving, basket-making, and similar industries taught, are more for the improvement of the patient's condition than for commercial value. In this work Canada has been closely followed by the United States.

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"The courses themselves cover a wide range and are given under a variety of conditions. Existing technical schools and university engineering and agricultural departments have been largely utilized. In some training centers splendid new schools have been equipped. Most of the training, however, is given in industries. The C. P. R. Angus Shops, the Russell Motor-Car Company, the Acadia Sugar Refinery, the Granby Mining and Smelting Company, the Dominion Steel Company, and hundreds of other large and small private corporations have wholeheartedly offered their cooperation. A survey is first made of industries in each district, the surveyor classifying all the various occupations according to the needs of the Reestablishment Department. Note is taken of the physical abilities required by each occupation and of the disabilities which workers may have without impairing their efficiency.

"Frequently the work in the school and in the industries can be combined, the former giving the preliminary training in the use of certain tools or the operation of certain machines or perhaps the 'book-learning' which will enable the man more readily to take his place at the factory bench."

While undergoing training, a single man receives \$50 a month. A married man receives \$38 a month for himself and \$38 for his wife. If he has a wife and child, the allowance for them is \$42. Where there are more children, larger allowances are granted, the maximum being \$55.

Needless to say, Canada has a carefully worked-out pension system, which is, however, of less practical interest to American readers as the United States Government has substituted war-insurance for pensions. But Canada's forethought in providing the machinery to secure employment for discharged soldiers is especially noteworthy. Organization for this purpose had its inception in the passage of the Employment Offices Coordination Act in the spring of 1918. Under this act the Dominion Government shares equally with the provincial governments the cost of organizing and operating employment

offices in all the urban centers, and, when necessary, in smaller places. The plans called for the immediate establishment of sixty-four such offices. In each province the local offices are linked together by a provincial clearing-house in the capital city. Daily reports from and to each local superintendent, by wire if necessary, furnish information as to labor needs and opportunities in every locality. Each office has its staff of interviewers, record clerks, and stenographers, and especially of canvassers or "salesmen," who visit manufacturers and other employers to find places for applicants. An advisory council of employers and employees is attached to each office. All service is without charge. The offices will facilitate the movement of farm labor, for example, to the regions where it may be required, and will generally increase the mobility of labor.

The Department of Labor is also employing field agents, experts in such industries as lumbering, mining, and ship-building, who are to travel through the Dominion to report upon labor requirements in their special fields. Weekly reports from trade-unions state the extent of unemployment in unionized trades. All employers of twenty-five or more laborers receive weekly post-card questionnaires upon vacancies, discharges, or anticipated needs for men or reductions of force. By this system, it is anticipated, the greatest possible service will be given to both workers and employers. While the employment offices are for the use of both soldiers and civilians, special provisions have been made to insure employment for returned soldiers. In every province there are Returned Soldiers' Commissions—in Ontario 142 branches, in Manitoba 301, and in Alberta over 500—to keep former soldiers in touch with the nearest employment offices and to safeguard their interests.

Some features of Canada's admirable plans for her returning soldiers are paralleled in the programs of other nations. In Great Britain, the reports of the Council of National Defense indicate, the Government has created a Civil Department of Demobilization which deals with all questions relating to the reemployment both of ex-soldiers and sailors and of civil war-workers.

Provision is being made for the technical and commercial training of discharged officers and men, and for state assistance for apprentices whose apprenticeship has been interrupted by war-service. Priority in release from military service is given to men having definite employment awaiting them, especially "pivotal men," meaning those whose early release will be of immediate national value.

In Australia, partly disabled soldiers who have received vocational training in Victoria, have chosen, among other vocations,



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South Africa has a National Fund for the vocational training of disabled soldiers. Returned soldiers are rapidly finding re-employment through returned soldiers' committees distributed through the Union of South Africa.

In France all mobilized persons must, wherever possible, be reemployed in their former occupation at salaries not less than those received before mobilization. Proof that resumption of the employment is not possible is obligatory upon the employer. The Chamber of Deputies recently granted all demobilized soldiers a gift of \$50. In addition, all soldiers who took part in the fighting will receive \$4 a month for the time they were mobilized, while all others will receive \$3 a month.

Both Canada and Australia have taken measures for the settlement of returned soldiers on the land. In Canada it has been made especially easy for ex-soldiers to acquire farming land, agricultural training, and necessary preliminary loans and equipment. In France, where there is no new land to be taken up, military pensioners and civilian victims of the war may obtain from the *Crédit Agricole* loans for the acquisition of small holdings in the country. The loans bear interest at one per cent. and are redeemable in twenty-five years. The guaranty required from the borrower is a mortgage on the property and a life-insurance policy in favor of the lending company.

Among the activities in behalf of disabled soldiers in Germany, one of the most interesting was the establishment, in Baden, of a company for the purpose of starting special centers of industry for those who were not likely to hold their own in the open labor market. The industrial plants acquired by the company included a saw-mill, a factory for the construction and repairing of machinery, a jewelry factory, and a wood-working shop. It has been found that blinded men may practicably be employed in the paper, incandescent lamp, chocolate, box, tobacco, and pen and tool factories. Much attention has been paid to finding opportunities for those whose sight has been destroyed, and the men have themselves formed a "German League of Blinded Soldiers."

The transition from war to peace conditions created many problems in regard to

labor. In Great Britain, where enormous numbers of men, women, and children were employed in munitions-factories, these civilian workers have been demobilized as gradually as possible, those who were necessarily thrown out of work receiving allowances during periods of unavoidable unemployment for a maximum period of thirteen weeks. Men over eighteen received \$6 a week, women over eighteen, \$5 a week. Allowances were granted to juveniles conditioned upon their attending a course of instruction.

A report upon juvenile employment to the British Ministry of Reconstruction states that the great demand for young people for work through long hours, at disproportionately high wages, has been exceedingly demoralizing. In order to minimize the mischievous effects of the conditions of the last four years on the rising generation, the report recommends that efforts be made to insure that girls and boys now thrown out of work be protected against the demoralization consequent upon sudden unemployment, that their characters, physique, and industrial qualifications be improved by training, and that they shall be prepared to return to industry as soon as there are suitable openings. The report includes a recommendation that centers for unemployed boys and girls be established in all towns with a population of more than 20,000.

Labor-problems are intimately connected with the cost of family maintenance, which is consequently a matter of frequent investigation. We are told:

"A committee appointed by the British Chancellor of the Exchequer to inquire into the actual increase since June, 1914, in the cost of living of the working people, has issued a report in which it is estimated that the average rise in family expenditures of the working people between July, 1914, and June, 1918, was seventy-four per cent., the increase of expenditures of skilled workers being sixty-seven per cent., and of unskilled workers eighty-one per cent. Counter-balancing factors, other than increased wages, were abundance of employment, rise of workers from unskilled to skilled groups, and a large addition of women to industry, who have supplemented family incomes."

Schemes for industrial arbitration are occupying the various governments, and the housing problem also demands attention. In Great Britain house-building has often been carried on by Public Utility Societies, somewhat of the nature of our Building Loan Associations. A committee appointed by the Minister of Reconstruction to consider how to encourage private enterprise in building houses for the working people recommends that the state assist the activities of the Public Utility Societies by loans of eighty per cent. of the value of any housing schemes that they may carry out, such loans to be at the lowest possible rate, advances to be made during building, and repayment to be spread over a period of fifty years.

The committee's opinion is that unless the state extends aid, private enterprise will postpone building until labor and materials are cheaper, and urgently needed houses will not be forthcoming.

The Canadian Government has planned to spend \$20,000,000 in public works and improvements, of which large sums will be used in such centers as Montreal, where the unemployment situation demands special attention.

Plans for industrial and agricultural reconstruction are so numerous and varied that it is feasible to give only a few details. France, Belgium, and Italy have, of course, special problems to meet in their devastated districts. In the invaded regions government aid is especially required. One great scheme provides for the adaptation of the munitions-factories to the needs of reconstruction: Foundries can turn out rails, plows, and tools in place of guns; works that produced explosives may be utilized for the manufacture of fertilizers, and shops that have been working in wood for airplanes can make window and door-frames. Cooperative buying is also an expedient widely adopted in France.

Italy has been studying the problem of bringing up to the maximum efficiency such land as is not well cultivated. All the land in the kingdom is to be carefully surveyed. The Government will probably require private owners either to develop their land to the highest point by scientific methods, or to rent it either to the state or to persons who will use the proper means of cultivation. To quote:

"An association to protect farmers against speculative prices for agricultural material and implements has been formed by the Bank of Central Italy for agriculture and commerce. The association plans to purchase large quantities of all things needed in the cultivation of land direct from the manufacturers and producers at a time when prices are most convenient and then to sell them to the farmers without profit. A system of rationing the supplies of seed and implements will be established so as to insure a fair and equitable distribution. Warehouses will be planned in various centers so that the farmers need not be forced to dump their products on a market when over-supplied. In these the farmers will be permitted to store their goods at a small cost and money will be advanced to them if needed, with the stored goods as a guaranty."

Measures have been taken for protecting the forest lands, and it has been recommended that frozen meats be largely imported in order to insure the conservation of live stock.

In Great Britain, we read:

"The Board of Agriculture and Fisheries has given notice to farmers that the prices to be fixt for the 1919 crop of the cereals at present controlled will in no case be less than the prices at present in operation for the 1918 crop. These cereals are rye, wheat, oats, and barley. The notice applies to England and Wales only."

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Among the industrial improvements contemplated in British plans are the elimination of fuel waste, the development of potash supplies, and the development of the dye industry by means of state financial aid. The metal and wool industries are to be especially stimulated.

Railways and other means of communication figure largely in reports from European countries. France has had the grateful task of arranging for the linking of the roads of Alsace-Lorraine with the French system. From Germany it is reported that the Krupp are busy constructing railway material, especially trucks, in preparation for extensive traffic following the signing of the treaty of peace. In Great Britain a Select Committee of the House of Commons has reported in favor of a unification or amalgamation of railway systems, whether under private ownership, government ownership, or government management or control. Later, the Minister of Munitions reported that the Government expected to take over the operation of the railways, as there was no way under present conditions in which private interests could handle the roads of the United Kingdom in such a manner as to give adequate transport facilities for the rapid revival of industry. It appears from a report to the Ministry of Reconstruction that:

"Competition between the big railways has resulted in an unnecessary multiplication of types and that in no other country has individuality been allowed so much free scope, with the result that British railways are severely handicapped and their operation not so economical as it might be. The committee recommends certain steps to be taken for carrying out standardization of railway plant as far as it is practicable to do so."

Early last summer the Spanish Government announced its intention of issuing a loan for two or three milliards of pesos (approximately two or three billion dollars) in order to take over the railways of the kingdom and to build new branch lines.

During the war the political difficulties of Switzerland were greatly increased by her dependence upon the belligerent countries for fuel; consequently, the General Direction of the Swiss Federal Railways has outlined a detailed plan for the electrification of the roads through the utilization of water-power.

During the present year the Canadian Government will expend probably \$50,000,000 on the railways of the Dominion.

Aerial postal service is an accomplished fact, and there are many projects for its extension. In France, we learn,

"The Interministerial Commission has planned and elaborated to its least details the most complete system of aerial communication between the principal towns of France, which is ready to be brought into action the moment circumstances permit. The service most carefully worked

out is that from Paris to Nice, calling at Dijon, Lyons, and Marseilles, to be eventually extended to Genoa and Rome."

Last December an air-mail service of one machine a day was already in operation between London and Glasgow by way of Newcastle and Edinburgh. The British Government has for some time had under consideration what steps must be taken to develop and regulate aviation for civil and commercial purposes, and the extent to which it will be possible and advisable to utilize the war-trained personnel in commercial aviation, and yet leave a surplus for naval and military requirements. The *Deutscher Aussenhandel* of August 15, 1918, is quoted to the effect that:

"Austria has had since April a line from Vienna to Lemberg; Hungary has instituted one between Budapest and Odessa, and Brest-Litovsk and Kief; Denmark, between Copenhagen and Skagen, for mails and passengers; and Italy between Rome and Turin, and between the mainland and Sardinia. A service between Paris, Brussels, and London is contemplated after the war. Lines are projected, but not yet working, between Paris and St. Nazaire; Paris, Marseilles, and Nice; Stockholm and Gulf of Finland; Petrograd and Moscow; Odessa and Constantinople; Stavanger and Aberdeen. In Holland postal air communication is contemplated between Amsterdam and Groningen, and Rotterdam and Groningen."

In New Zealand, the Postmaster-General has announced that upon the conclusion of peace it is proposed to establish an air-mail service from Auckland to Dunedin, a distance of about seven hundred miles.

In regard to shipping, it is the declared policy of the British Government to release privately owned tonnage from national control as speedily as consistent with public interests. Government ships are to be sold to private owners. All priority in supplies, labor, and the housing of workmen is to be given to ship-builders, and it is the desire of the shipping controller that private yards shall in future be open to ship-owners. A cablegram from the United States Consul-General in London, dated January 9, states that:

"The Ministry of Shipping announced increased tonnage available for bringing imports to Great Britain by 10,000,000 tons of goods a year. The amount of space available for commercial cargo in North America is doubled, and instead of cargo competing for space, space is now competing for cargo."

The Italian Government has authorized the construction, at Naples, of the greatest dry dock on the Mediterranean. In *Italy To-day* it is stated that:

"Under a recent decree, all new merchant ships which become part of the merchant marine from August 27, 1918, to December 31, 1920, if acquired abroad, or from January 1, 1920, to June 30, 1921, if constructed in Italy, may not enjoy the liberty of free operation, but will be chartered by the Government for two years."

During 1919 the Canadian Government

expended \$40,000,000 in ship-building, the average cost of construction being about \$200 a ton.

The great demand has stimulated ship-building all over the world. It is interesting to note that in the Philippines efforts are being made by the Government to promote the building of ships, particularly for interisland trade.

Long before the close of the war, Great Britain was making preparations to secure preeminence in overseas markets, and all methods to improve production and distribution are being adopted in order to increase export trade. The British Manufacturers' Corporation is one of the newer organizations for this purpose.

Canada has established a Canadian Trade Commission with headquarters in Ottawa and connections in London, for the purpose of developing Canadian export trade, and especially with a view to securing orders for materials to be used in reconstruction work in the devastated areas.

Japan has created the Municipal Foreign Trade Bureau at Yokohama, which will aid in establishing a great commercial museum in that city.

An extract from *Der Welthandel* states:

"A syndicate named 'Spes' (*Syndicat pour l'Exportation Suisse*) has been formed under the auspices of the chambers of commerce of Basel, Geneva, and Zurich for the purpose of encouraging the export of Swiss products. Goods of purely Swiss origin will be marked with the trade-mark 'Spes.' Any Swiss producer of trade commodities may belong to the syndicate, provided he has fulfilled the statutory conditions regarding the Swiss origin of his goods, the capital employed, and the persons engaged in their production."

According to a report from the United States Consul-General at Barcelona,

"A Commission of Spanish Engineers has been appointed by royal order to study the actual state and probable development of the metallurgical industries in the republics of South America, including an investigation of the possibilities of Spanish commercial expansion, the markets for Spanish metallurgical products, and the procuring of raw materials."

The Uruguayan Government has issued a decree providing for the first American Congress of Commercial Education and Economic Commercial Expansion, to be held at Montevideo. The object will be (a) to study the manner in which commercial education is to be guided and developed in each country and (b) to study the means of accomplishing in an adequate manner the economic commercial expansion of and between the nations of the American continent.

Perhaps it is in line with the declaration of the president of the London City and Midland Bank that every effort must be made to insure London's continued status as the financial center of the world that a British Royal Commission has been appointed to consider the advisability of



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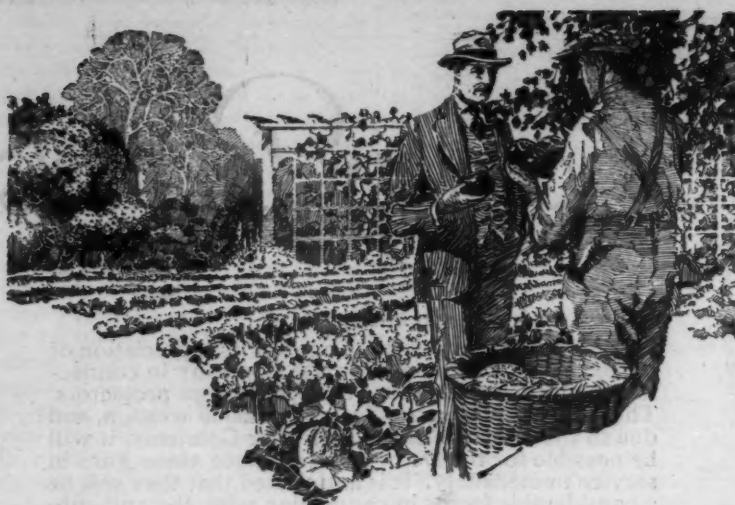
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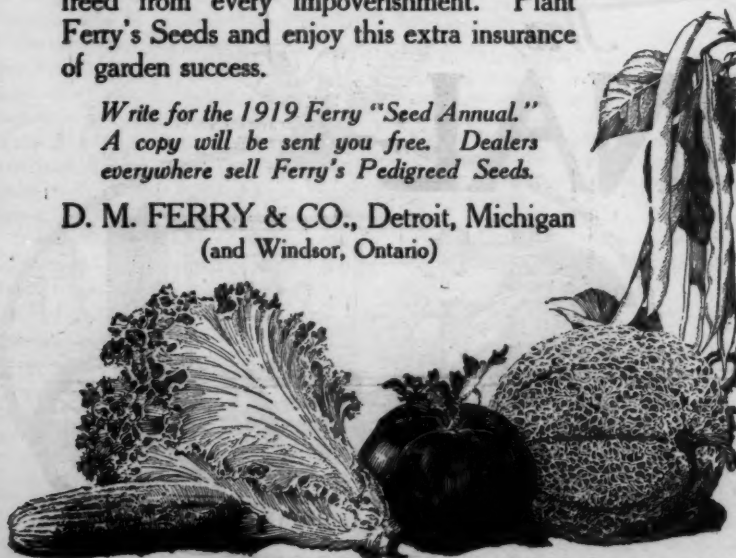
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From a quotation from the *Welthandel* it appears that Holland, taught by bitter experience during the war, has been making many efforts to render herself independent of other countries. Thus we read:

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The *Messenger d'Athènes* states that the lignite-mines at Florina are to become state property. This is the first step by the Greek Government toward acquiring all the mines in Greece.

It has often been discussed whether emigration would be increased or checked in consequence of post-war conditions. From the Italian paper, *Il Sole*, it appears that the Emigration Section of the Italian Reconstruction Commission has emphasized the necessity of regulating emigration in such a way that it should not check the imperatively necessary increase of national production.

Nothing Concealed.—THE JUNIOR SUB (conjuring at the men's smoker)—"Now, are you quite sure the haversack's empty?"
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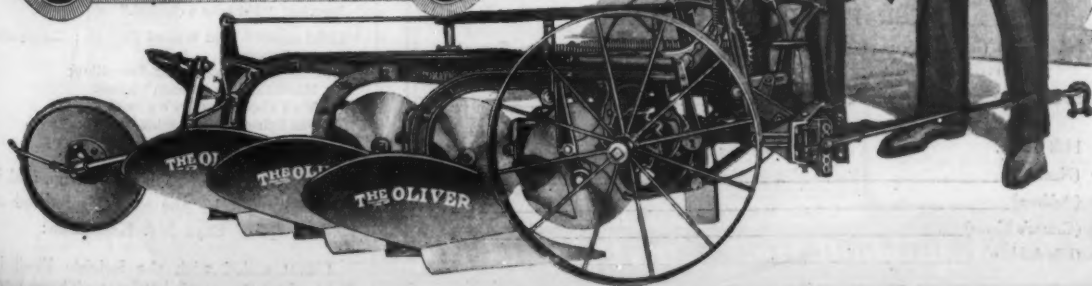
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WITH THE YANKEE "SUICIDE FLEET" IN FRENCH WATERS

ITS official title was "The United States Patrol Squadron Based on the Fleet in European Waters," but it was called either "The Easter Egg Flotilla" or "The Suicide Club" for short. Doubtless the "Easter Egg" idea was suggested by the nestful of "eggs," or depth-bombs, that each of the little boats carried ready to drop over the stern. As for the reason that the squadron began to be called "The Suicide Club," that is simplicity itself. In boats that were never expected to fight, the largest of them hardly more than seven hundred tons gross, many of them so delicately balanced that the weight of the single gun they had to carry was almost enough to turn them topsyturvy, any of them sure to be instantaneously distributed over the sea if touched by a torpedo, life is likely to be a precarious and brief matter. Most of the vessels were extemporized from pleasure yachts; and their crews were extemporized in much the same manner. From stokers to commanders, the men had volunteered from every rank of life, and from every part of the "good old U. S. A.," that most of them regretted they had ever, in a moment of mistaken enthusiasm, left behind. Nevertheless, says Reginald Wright Kauffman in a lively account of "Our Navy at Work," recently published by Bobbs-Merrill, "there is not a pilot on the French coast but will tell you that, within six months after the arrival of this mosquito flotilla, the S. O. S. calls were reduced by more than half." As he sums up the matter poetically in a bit of verse that heads his first chapter:

Now, Mr. Wall of Wall St., he built himself a yacht,
And he built that yacht for comfort and for speed;
He didn't mean that it should go
Beyond a hundred miles or so;
He wanted something made for show,
Where he could drink and feed.

Then Uncle Sam'l went to war and hadn't any boats,
Or not enough to guard the stormy green,
And so he said to Mr. Wall:
"I'll take your six-feet-over-all
And set it out to get the call
Upon the submarine."

"A cruising-fighter? Never!" (The experts chorused that.)

"She'll sink before she's half-way out to France."
But Sam cut out her bathtubs white,
He painted her a perfect fright
And loaded her with dynamite:
Says he: "I'll take a chance."

"Good night!" said Wall of Wall St.; the experts said it, too;

But Uncle Sam was sot and sibylline;
His little plan, it warn't a josh.
Wall's boat's as dry's a mackintosh;
She fights, b'gum; what's more, b'gosh,
She gits the submarine!

Just how she gets the submarine, and is sometimes got by the same, is related at some length. Says Mr. Kauffman:

I first sailed with the Suicide Fleet in the early autumn of 1917. . . . Those were

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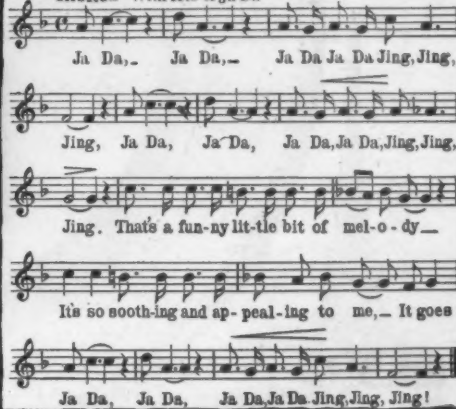
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the days when the harlequin-yachts had but one chance of safety.

"It's this way," I remember a volunteer of forty-two explained the matter: "A sub's torpedo costs about \$25,000, and our boats have been so knocked about by this time that their market value isn't more than \$15,000 apiece. Of course, once in a while we do so much damage that Fritz loses his temper and thinks we're worth a tin fish. If he ever hits us, it's good night; we're so little and we carry such a lot of explosives that we'd never know what struck us. That's the way it was with the *Alcedo*. I was aboard her."

He told me about the *Alcedo*. I repeat his words, as nearly as possible, verbatim: "It was night, and winter, and cold. We was bringin' up the tail of a convoy. I was below, asleep in my bunk. All of a sudden—bang!

"I didn't need to be told what that was. I was out of my bunk and at the door before the explosion was over—mebbe the explosion threw me out.

"Something had happened to the lights, and everything was pitch-dark. I grabbed the door-knob—and the door had jammed.

"Don't ask me how I got that door open. I don't know. I remember jerkin' down a bunk and hammering at the door with the bunk's iron framework, and then, the next thing I remember, I was on deck.

"The way the men that was on duty behaved, you can tell that best from one story. We had a gob named Proon—something like that. He was one of the forward gun-crew and was at his station when the torpedo struck us. Nobody seen her coming. Nobody knew there was a sub anywhere near. We just all of a sudden got it. Well, this fellow Proon, or whatever his name was, he was blown overboard, clear into the sea. Force of the explosion, you know. They found out afterwards both of his shoes was blown off, and one ankle broken and one sprained. But he swam back to the ship and crawled to his station at the gun, altho he knew all along we were done for—and he stayed there till Four Stripes gave the order to abandon ship. It was all over in about five minutes, but it seemed like five hours.

"About me. By the time I got on deck the show was done. There was one fellow in the fantail. I yelled to him where was the others.

"They're all gone," he says. 'Lend a hand here,' he says, 'an' we'll launch this raft.'

"You see, he was tryin' to launch a raft. I helped, but it was dark, and she was goin' down by the head, and there was only the two of us.

"When the raft was 'most ready, I says:

"'Is that a life-preserver you got on?' It was dark, you understand.

"An' he says, yes, it was.

"So I says:

"Well, I'm goin' to try to find one.'

"He told me not to be a fool, for there wasn't no time to spare. But I ran down to my bunk—slid most the way—but it was blacker down there than on deck, even. So I beat it on deck again an' tried to find the place where I knew a locker used to be. I sung out to that fellow on the fantail—he was close by—I sung out:

"'Let me know when she goes!'

"Right away, almost, just when I found that locker and was hangin' over it, he calls:

"'Here she goes, Charley!'

"And with that I jumped. There wasn't a chance of gettin' back to him, so I jumped.

"It was freezin' cold in the water, an' the water was full of men swimmin'. You'd butt into them. I bumped one. From his voice I knew it was a fellow named Coleman that they used to say had been a porter, or somethin', at the Waldorf Hotel in New York. Along with me, he got to a four-man raft; but it had five men on it, an' he seen he'd only make things dangerous for everybody else if he stayed on. So he just says:

"'Good-by, boys, an' good luck!'—an' dove off.

"I heard a boat picked him up an hour later, an' he was 'most all in. But I was glad he was picked up.

"I got to another raft somehow. It was bigger, but fellows kep' climbin' aboard till it was gettin' overcrowded, too. There was an officer in command.

"One o' the first fellows on her was a young Jew fellow. We used to guy him, one way an' another, in the old days. Well, by and by, the officer he says:

"'This raft's overcrowded. There's one too many on her. One of us'll have to go.'

"Just then there wasn't any other raft, let alone a boat, anywhere in sight, but no sooner'd the officer said about somebody havin' to go than the Jew, he saluted, an' 'ay, ay, sir,' he says, an' jumped off into the water.

"It was a little after that that one of the *Alcedo*'s boats come alongside an' she was almost empty an' took us all off the raft.

"We couldn't see anything, and of course the convoy'd got away as fast as it could. That's accordin' to orders; when a sub gets into action, the convoy must run; if you stayed to pick up survivors you might all get caught.

"So we went pullin' along, not knowin' whether we was headin' for France or New York, when, just out of nothin' at all, there was the sub right on our starboard bow. A lot of men were standin' on her deck.

"What ship was that? one of them asked. He talked good English. I guess he was the captain.

"A gob in our boat shouted out *Alcedo* before our officer could stop him. He told her tonnage, too.

"But the Dutchman, he didn't seem to know the name, for he says next:

"What was she?"

"Then our officer, he says:

"Empty tramp. Bound home."

"An' who are you?" asks Fritz.

"Twelve o' the crew," says our officer.

"Any officers among you?" says the German.

"No," says our officer. 'An' which way's land?' he says.

"The Dutchman told us one way an' went below; but he must 'a' thought better of it, for we hadn't gone but a few strokes before he was up again an' yellin' after us that just the opposite way was the right way—an' it was.

"That was the last we saw of him. We pulled for fifteen hours. Every once in a while, we'd kind 'a' lose heart an' quit. When you was relieved from rowin', you'd lie in the bottom an' think things. I heard one of the other boats dried their tobacco and tried to smoke, but hadn't got any dry matches, so they just threw it away because it was an aggravation there. Some of us were better off, for we were chewers. I'd learned to chew, workin' in the steel-mills, an' I think it about saved my life.

"Well, anyway, we made land at last. I was all in, lyin' in the bottom an' all

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ready to die, when somebody yelled, an' I jumped up an' seen a pretty white lighthouse—I never did see anything so pretty as that lighthouse was—an' right away all my strength come back, an' I took an oar an' pulled like a dray-horse.

"We landed at a funny little French village, where they hadn't seen Americans before, an' they made such a feast for us that we all says we're goin' back there—when the war's over. They gave us their own kind o' clothes an' wooden shoes—an' that's the way we was all dressed when we got back to the base."

As the survivor concluded, I recollected that I had heard, from the doctors at Naval Base Hospital No. 5, who told me of the arrival of the other boats' crews, which, picked up by a French destroyer, had made the same port wherefrom the *Alcedo* had started. It was night. A wireless message from the attacked convoy warned them to be ready for survivors. They cruised the harbor, and beyond it, to no purpose.

"We returned at last to the pier," said one doctor, "and almost at once that little wasplike destroyer appeared. She made a beautiful landing, but her load of survivors were dreadfully done up. One of them was so weak that he couldn't walk. He collapsed and fell into the water between the boat and the pier. It was a nasty place for a rescue, but Dr. Herman dove in, with two sailors, and got him out. The sort of condition those *Alcedo* men must have been in to begin with, tho, is shown by the fact that we didn't have one case of pneumonia among them."

The tedium of the men's lives aboard these little boats when there was "nothing doing" at times made them feel almost friendly toward the idea of being torpedoed, or having anything happen to them that would give them some of the excitement that most of them had come to find. In Bordeaux, says Mr. Kauffman, he ran upon a group of officers on leave, and he asked them the inevitable question: "Have you had any action?" One of them replied:

"Not much this trip. Still, we've had eight sub scares—not a buoy or a floating box, but the real thing. Six times we had a chance to open fire, and, out of that half-dozen times our shots never but once landed more than ten feet away from the mark. Once one of the lookouts called the commander's attention to a sea-gull that didn't seem to be behaving naturally; we took a look—and that gull had come to rest on a periscope. We gave her"—he used the word that the term "depth-charge" has gradually changed to—"we gave her a death-bomb, but I think she got away."

It was on this occasion that, says the author, they fell to talking of the *Antilles*. On his converted yacht, the officer that had just been speaking was present when that homeward-bound transport was torpedoed. Mr. Kauffman continues:

"She settled by the stern in four minutes," he told me, "and then the water got to her boilers and they exploded. The explosion raised the ship clear of the water. In one sense it was a blessing; only four boats had been got over the side, and two of those capsized; there hadn't been time to launch the life-rafts, and nearly everybody had jumped into the

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water, but that blast shook the rafts free and spread them broadcast within reach of the swimmers. Not of all, however; as the *C*—steamed up for rescue work, she sighted a jacky floating astride of an ammunition-box that turned out to have one six-inch shell left in it. He stood up on the box and wigwagged to the *C*—with his arms, to take care on account of that shell, and not to ram the loaded box."

There was a marine who had been so ill that he was ordered home aboard the *Antilles*. He was rescued and ordered home on the *Finland*. He set out on her and, when she was torpedoed, his arm was broken. When I last saw him he was wondering whether the Navy would trust another ship to the waves with such an ill-starred passenger.

"We were convoying the *Finland*"—a mosquito-fleet man, an officer of the *W*—, told the story—"and I was in the wardroom at about 9:20 A.M., when I heard the daytime sub-signal: six blasts on the whistle. I think I couldn't have been more than twenty seconds getting on deck."

"What's wrong?" I asked the first jackies I ran into.

"*Finland's* torpedoed," they said.

"I looked at her. For quite a bit you couldn't have told that anything had happened to her, but the convoy was running around, dropping depth-charges. The flag-ship signalled us that our job would be looking after survivors—it wasn't a case where running away would help, and, besides, there was a chance—we could see it at once—of saving the transport."

"A good deal of stuff had been flung overboard and, as I watched, more came over. Then they began to get the boats off her—there was a considerable sea running—and most of them swamped. It wasn't a pretty sight by a long shot."

"We started in through the wreckage and worked till noon, picking up twenty-six men, but it was the toughest kind of work, owing to the roughness of the water; we were pitching so that it was next to impossible to get anybody aboard. We had to go slow, and the result was that most of the rescued had been too long in the water. Some of them couldn't raise an arm to show us where they were; a lot were doubled up with cramps, and, whereas nearly all began by shouting for help, pretty soon—in about half an hour, I should say—there wasn't a sound to be heard from them."

"All of a sudden, we sighted a fellow about seventy yards away from us, practically done for and giving in. He had a life-preserver on, and that's all that was keeping him afloat; there was a moment when it was doubtful whether there was any life in him at all. Well, there followed the best piece of rescue-work that I've ever seen."

"That man was to windward of us, and of course we were drifting faster than he was; every second increased the distance between us and lessened his slim chances, and there was no time to try to bring ship around. Ensign English, a reserve officer, stripped and grabbed a heaving-line—a heaving-line is seven-eighths of an inch thick—and jumped into that high sea of icy water."

"We thought, of course, he'd not live to reach the chap. I never saw harder swimming. The fellow from the *Finland* was a good eighty yards away by now, but English fought through about seventy yards of it, fighting his way over the huge waves—and just there he found that the line wasn't long enough."

"What did he do? He swam back—back to the ship again—got a double length rope and went after that fellow a second time! Yes, sir. And he got him—God knows how—but he got him! Chucked about in those waves, he made a noose with two Matthew Walker knots, so it wouldn't slip, and put it around the *Finland* man and drew it fast, signalled to us to haul, and then beat his way back with one hand while he helped hold up the dying man's head with the other."

A complete story, in outline, of the work of the "Suicide Fleet" is contained in a series of dispatches which the writer picked up at base headquarters. The location mentioned, he explains, lay just outside the American zone, where, at first, there were no American patrols. The messages, with changed names for the ships and deleted locations, are given as follows:

10:28 A.M.—Message from the French merchant-ship *Victoire*: "S. O. S. 473,150. Being torpedoed thirty miles west of—."

10:30 A.M.—Same message regarding the same ship, transmitted by other ships that had picked it out of the sky.

10:47 A.M.—From the *Victoire*: "Torpedo missed, but submarine has risen and is shelling us. A shot missed us by thirty meters."

10:52 A.M.—From *Victoire*: "No. 1—S. O. S.—SS.SS. Being gunned. Latitude —, longitude —. Speed, ten knots."

11:15 A.M.—U.S.S. *Perry* to the *Victoire*: "Keep on that course. Am heading for you."

11:55 A.M.—From *Victoire*: "N.—S. O. S.—SS.SS. Being gunned. New position, — degrees, — minutes, N.; — degrees, — minutes, W."

12:45 P.M.—U.S.S. *Perry* to Base headquarters: "Have rescued *Victoire*."

In a later chapter, a tragedy of the sea in which an American ship was the victim is "told for the first time." The account was written before the end of the war, and is as detailed as the naval censorship at that time permitted. If only as a fitting tribute to the supreme heroism with which American sailors met this tragedy, the story deserves to be supplied with the names which Mr. Kauffman has been unable to give. His account is sufficiently detailed to show, as he says, that the catastrophe brought forth bravery "so far unsurpassed even in the records of this war, in which physical bravery is so common." He writes:

It was only shortly before the end of my nine months' stay in France that the horribly burned survivors of the American cargo-steamer, the *Florence H.*, which was blown up near the coast of that country, were pronounced by their physicians to be in a condition permitting them to tell their stories of an event that cost so many lives and that proved a test, splendidly met, of the American Navy's best traditions. A formal French, and an informal American, naval inquiry were straightway made, and I was fortunate enough to have that inquiry thrown open to me. Because of the hitherto mostly concealed stories of heroism there elicited by the examinations, I want to tell something of the catastrophe involving them. That heroism has, so far, been unsurpassed, even in the records of this war, in which physical

bravery is so common, and my only regret is that, tho the names of the rescuing ships and of their boats' crews were mentioned by Admiral Wilson in his public commendation of their actions, and tho my mention of the same names was permitted by the naval censor at our base in France, Mr. George Creel's Committee on Public Information has asked me to suppress most of them here.

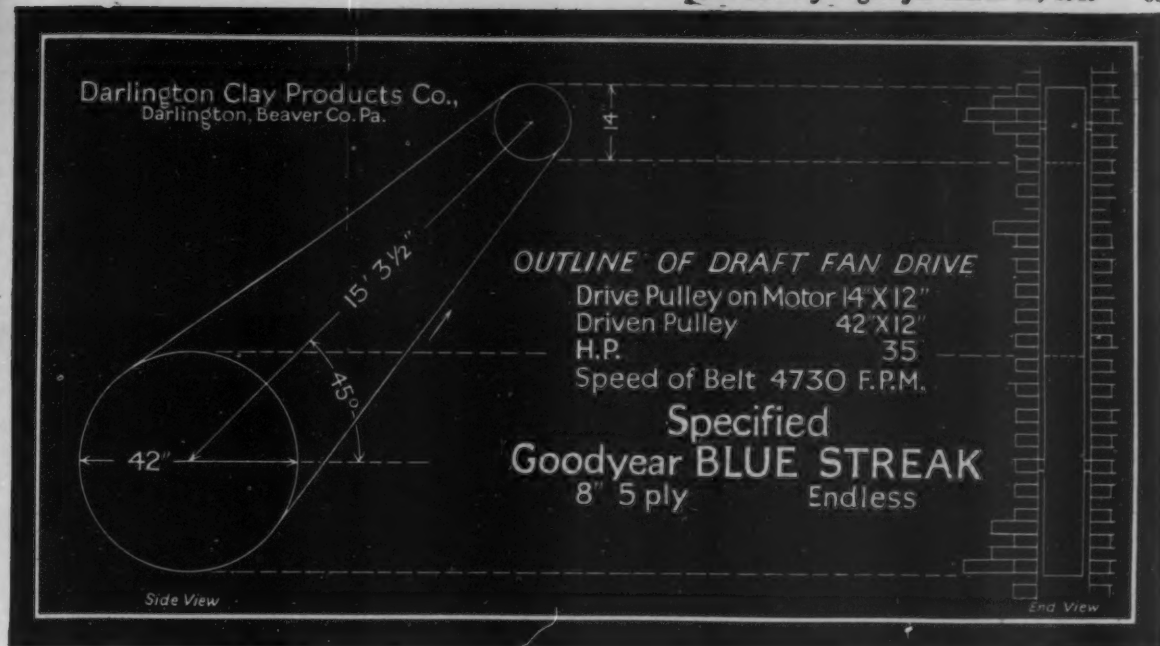
Altho only just now to be published in detail, the story of the *Florence H.*, which formerly flew the French flag, is soon told. A merchant ship, officered and manned by civilians, she carried an armed guard of twenty-two. In her four holds she had a cargo of several million dollars—many tons of steel plate and explosives, the latter packed in metal cases supported by wooden frames. She took on coal at Carney's Point, in the Delaware River, and then set sail for France. Off the French coast, she joined a convoy, which anchored close to shore, about a day's sail from our naval base, at close upon 9:30 of a spring evening. Witnesses agree that there was no powder on her hatches, and that these were kept securely closed after leaving Philadelphia.

There were several ships in that convoy, and a guard of American destroyers, American patrol-boats, and two French craft. The sea was smooth, but the night dark. The *Florence H.* was the third boat in the column. Four men, including the captain, none of whom was saved, were on watch or lookout. At 10:45 P.M., without any preliminary smoke being noticed, No. 2 hatch exploded. The deck rose in air, the starboard side was blown out. In about twenty minutes the *Florence H.*, settling by the head with a list to the ripped quarter, sank in a mass of flames. The water receiving her was so shallow that her stack and two masts are visible at low tide. Only thirty-two of the seventy-seven men aboard were saved.

From the eyes of none that saw it, says the writer, will the intense picture of the disaster ever be blotted, but perhaps the best description is that of a United States Naval officer, Capt. P. L. Wilson, commanding the guardian ships, a man familiar with the horrors of war at sea. According to this account, with no warning save a low rumble, the night suddenly became lurid day. Then, to quote Captain Wilson:

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Some, however, had—God knows how, says Mr. Kauffman, and between the detonations came, out of the liquid fire, their shrill shrieks of agony. "Here sailors already mutilated had to swim under water, and when they rose for breath, it was to thrust their heads into



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a molten surface; there, in that mass of wreckage, they clung to heaving boxes—boxes of flame that now banged against one another, crushing their human freight, and again exploded, blowing the desperate men to atoms." A badly burned seaman named Collins told the writer:

"I had been asleep in a cabin on the upper deck. I got my underclothes on, ran out, and jumped into the water. Whenever I'd stick my head up, I'd stick it into flames. I got a bit away and grabbed some pieces of wood, but they caught fire. Kegs were exploding all around. The yells of the men were horrible. I found a boat and climbed in, and then it got afire too. The *S*—rescued me."

Mr. Kauffman gives other personal experiences of the survivors whom he interviewed:

Percy D. West, of Edgartown, Massachusetts, had been serving as quartermaster and was awakened from his sleep in a cabin under the bridge, not by any explosion, but by the flames. "I got into my trousers, and I had two sweaters on," he said to me. "I woke my cabin mate. I jerked open the door, and a blast of fire shot in. Then a back-draft blew that way, and I tried to drag my mate through the door; but he was kind of dazed and wouldn't come. I jumped through the flames and overboard. The next thing I knew I was floating in the water with a powder-cask under each arm."

The feet of many were burned because the deck was aflame, and the speed of the fire was fatal. "By the time I got on deck," Seaman L. C. Johnson testified at the inquiry, "the whole aft of the ship was afire—gun-platforms and all." The Finnish boatswain, Carl Linder, was thrown from his bunk in darkness and staggered on deck; as he swam away the stern blew up. Water-tender Peter Drulle, bunking with three other men, found the four ports and four doors of their quarters jammed; he smashed one of the doors, plunged through flames to the deck, and reached the water as the ship sank. John B. Watson, the chief engineer, told the story with unconscious dramatic power:

"She just burned up and melted in about twenty minutes."

It is almost impossible to describe the scene. The night's walls of blackness were pushed far aside by a blistering glare that was blindingly intense. Against that the convoy was silhouetted afloat on a sea that was little more than a lake of liquid fire, cluttered by burning wreckage. The victims, blown overboard from the *Florence H.*, would come to the surface and try to float by clinging to one of the hundreds of powder-cases bobbing all about; the wooden frame of the case would flash into light—the contents would explode and tear its victims into shreds. The reverberations were as loud and as constant as a bombardment. Swimmers had to take refuge by swimming far under water; when forced to rise for air, they would draw into their lungs great drafts of fire.

"An' I had to swim slow," one of the crew later told me in hospital, "because I was tryin' to carry my buddy with me, an' he don't know how to swim at all."

The guarding yachts were wooden; they could not venture through the blazing sea to the scene of the disaster. Even the

steel destroyers, laden with deadly depth-charges, were in almost equal danger, and it was to prevent another catastrophe that Captain Wilson, commander of the guardian ships, believing all the crew of the *Florence H.* beyond hope, signaled the destroyer *S*—to be careful. She was on the edge of the spreading liquid fire. At that moment her commander, Capt. H. S. Haislip, "heard some cries in the water," and there followed an action, in Mr. Kauffman's words, "that should have place in every history of the American Navy." Captain Haislip chose to disregard orders, it appears:

He ran his ship—its deck is not five feet above the water and was covered with high explosives—directly into the flames, in order to cleave, among the bursting powder-casks, a path for boats of rescue. He led, and the other destroyers, the *Wh*—and the *T*—followed.

The *S*—came close up under the stern of the *Florence H.* Her paint peeled. Once she was so compressed amid the exploding wreckage that she could not maneuver. She threw out lines; her sailors jumped overboard to hold up and rescue blinded survivors. Her crew lowered one of their men by the ankles, and he snatched a burning victim from the burning sea. She sent out a life-boat—Fleet Chaplain Father M—was in it—which, since rowing became immediately impossible, had to pole its way by shoving with the oars against those smoldering powder-cases. The motor-dory of the *Wh*—, with its inflammable fuel in constant danger, worked close by.

One may quickly summarize the results of the four days' examination of survivors. I quote from the testimony of nine:

"She's never had any bunker-fires."

"There was no preceding smell of smoke."

"There'd been no coal on fire, and there was no coal-gas explosion. The noise was a rumbling sound—felt as if it was internal."

"The noise was a continuous roar. It made me think of sky-rockets, only much louder—a sort of trembling sound. I'd been on the radio from four to eight, but hadn't heard any subs talking."

"I do not think it was a torpedo."

"It seemed to me like inside work."

"I've been torpedoed before. This wasn't similar. I think it was an inside job."

"It don't seem possible when we were under way that a man could open those hatches."

The commander of the conveying *C*—said that three of his officers "familiar with torpedo-effects" did not consider this the work of a torpedo. The captain of the courageous *S*—thinks the disaster due to either an "internal explosion or spontaneous combustion." The skipper of the *W*—reports:

"A few minutes before 10:50 P.M., it was noted that some one on the bridge of the *Florence H.* was signaling with a signal search-light. Our attention was directed toward this signaling. Suddenly, without previous warning, the *Florence H.* burst out brilliant flame."

Commander Frank T. Evans, U. S. N., represented the United States at the inquiry. He reports to Rear-Admiral Wilson:

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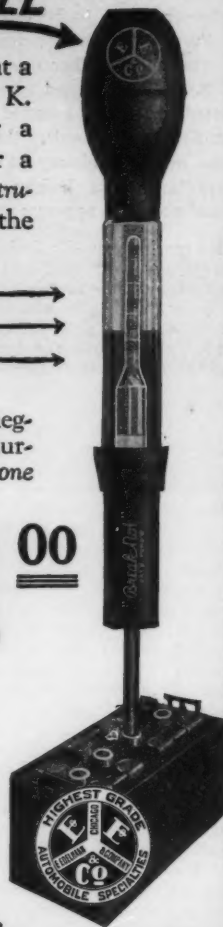
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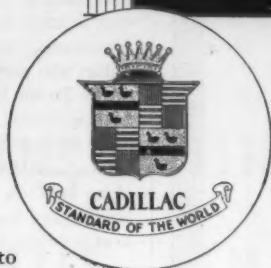
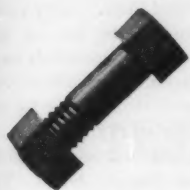
not torpedoed. It will be noted that there is no evidence of any geyser of water, that there was no shock felt on board neighboring vessels, and that of the two witnesses who were in the engine-room at the time of the explosion, one, who was torpedoed twice before, states positively that the ship was not torpedoed, while the testimony of the other seems to indicate that the ship was not torpedoed. The evidence shows that there were no steam leads in the cargo spaces, but that electric leads in iron conduit passed through the 'tween decks. The evidence also shows that there was coal stowed under the powder in No. 2 hold. A short-circuit of electric outlet or a spontaneous combustion may have created sufficient fire to cause the cargo to explode. From the investigation I am inclined to the opinion that the vessel was destroyed by an infernal machine placed either in the coal in No. 2 hold or in the cargo there."

Whether that opinion be right or wrong may possibly never be known, but, no matter what the cause of the explosion, the heroism of the rescuers will be long remembered. They proved themselves the legitimate inheritors of our Navy's reputation for bravery, the defenders of its best traditions.

AN ELIZABETHAN SEAMAN WAS THE FIRST ENGLISHMAN TO SETTLE IN JAPAN

ON a pleasant hill near a suburb of the Japanese port of Yokosuka is a place called by the natives "Anjin-zuka," which means "The Pilot's Grave"; and the two memorial stone lanterns that mark the place are tributes of the people of Tokyo to the sailor William Adams, the first Englishman to settle in the country, and to his Japanese wife. The remarkable story of this hardy British seaman, who, surmounting great difficulties, became an important personage in the Island Empire, is told at length in a recent issue of *The Far East*. Of his early career and the beginnings of his great adventure this magazine says:

William Adams was born about the year 1564, on the banks of the Medway between Rochester and Chatham, in the county of Kent. At the age of twelve he was apprenticed to a shipbuilder, one Nicholas Diggins, of Limehouse, whom he faithfully served for twelve years. Employed afterward as master and pilot in the Navy of Queen Elizabeth, he finally entered the service of "The Worshippful Company of Barbary Merchants," in hope that he might acquire sufficient money to put an end to his seafaring life, of which he had become heartily tired. Not long after it came to his ears that Master Verhagen, the rich merchant of Amsterdam who had equipped six ships by permission of the Prince Maurice to set sail for the Indies, where gold and silver were then supposed to be in great abundance, was looking for two experienced pilots who had not only seen much service, but also had once served in the Navy of the Queen of England. He at once wrote to the wealthy Dutch merchant, offering himself for the vacant position, and presenting a letter of recommendation from his wife's uncle. As good luck would have it, his experience being exactly what was needed, he was promptly appointed



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pilot major of the newly equipped fleet which consisted of five ships, having Sir Jacques Mahay as commander-in-chief; namely, the *Hope* (250 tons and 130 men), the *Faith* (150 tons and 109 men), the *Fidelity* (100 tons and 84 men), the *Good News* (75 tons and 56 men), and the *Charity* (160 tons and 110 men). But these names of good omen, piously given, contradicted in their long voyage what they symbolized.

The expedition met with many misfortunes. Large numbers of the sailors died of scurvy before they reached the Strait of Magellan; the commodore of the fleet also succumbed to the disease. The ships were scattered by storms in the Great South Sea. On the advice of a Dutch sailor who had visited Japan on a Portuguese vessel, it was decided that the three ships that had remained together should sail for that country, as the woolen clothes that formed a large part of their cargo were in great demand there. After various adventures, including the loss of eight sailors who were eaten by cannibals on one of the Pacific islands, the remaining ships were separated, and the *Charity*, her crew sadly diminished by scurvy, and with only Adams and five others free from illness, alone kept on her way to Japan. Their landing and first experiences in the strange land are thus described:

Early on the morning of April 11, 1600, the lookout suddenly shouted, "Land ahead! Land ahead!" We can imagine the boundless joy which those words awakened in their hearts! The land they caught sight of was the coast of Bungo, in the eastern part of Kyushu, Japan.

A few hours later, several boats with Samurai on board, as deputies of the Daimio, arrived from shore and showed great kindness to the crew, offering them supplies to any amount they wanted. The next day the Daimio of Bungo sent some of his retainers to protect the cargo on board the vessel, and told the crew that he had no objection if they rented a house in the town for the accommodation of the sick. Of this crew, nine finally died, including Master Quackernack, captain of the ship. The exhausted pilot and the men soon left the ship, and, guided by the Samurai, were taken to a splendid house on the shore where they were to stay for a while for rest under the kind treatment of the Daimio.

For some days they had been conveying their thoughts by signs and gestures till some Portuguese Jesuits arrived, as interpreters, from Nagasaki. Being not only ignorant of the language but also of the customs and manners of the new land, they committed many serious, and, also a few, comical blunders. One example of the latter will suffice. On the fifth day of their stay, three Samurai came into Adams's room and made a low bow. Pointing, to the door, they said, "*Furol Suejurol*!" which he, of course, could not understand. Repeating "*Furol Suejurol*!" several times, they impatiently took his hand, and dragged him out of the room. Out of mere curiosity, he followed them with one of his shipmates, and they brought them to a low, narrow building of eypress wood, from every door and window of which great volumes of steam were pouring out. Then the Japanese, turning to them and with a smile, said "*Furol Furol*!" Inside they

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noticed, to their great surprise, several tubs which were half full of boiling water! Now they thought that they were going to put them to death by boiling, and at once placed themselves in an attitude of self-defense. The Samurai understood their misgivings; and one of them took off his clothes and plunged himself at once into one of the tubs. They at last perceived the kind intentions of their hosts, and docilely followed their good example.

The following day, Adams and his companions were brought before the Daimio, who had been waiting for them with the above-mentioned Portuguese Jesuits. One of the latter asked him in the Dutch tongue what his nationality was, and what brought him to Japan? In reply he told him the whole story of their voyage, and prayed him to be so kind as to interpret it faithfully to the Daimio, and furthermore to ask him to exchange their woolen cloths for provisions and other commodities. The priest listened with attention, and with an ironical smile closed the interview. Then he went immediately to the Daimio and was closeted with him for several hours, at the end of which the Prince was found greatly excited. Soon after a dozen soldiers arrived, and binding Adams they carried him away to a thick-matted room. This room, strange to say, was surrounded in the daytime with spectators, including some ladies of quality, who kept staring at him. He afterward found out that the keeper had turned this to his pecuniary advantage by charging each person two copper coins for a look at Will Adams, whom they regarded as a strange monster, fresh from Europe. Adams at last found out that partly from religious and partly from national antipathies, the Jesuits, instead of sympathizing with him and his cause, had accused him of being an English pirate whom bad luck had cast on the shores of Bungo.

Iyeyasu, who had been staying temporarily at Osaka, happening to hear of this unfortunate English prisoner, wished to see him and inquire personally of him about things in England, for he was very anxious to know the state of affairs in Europe. Messengers were sent at once to Bungo to bring Adams, and a sailor with him, before Iyeyasu. They were received by the "Emperor" on May 12, 1600—an epoch-making day indeed for him and for his countrymen in the Empire of Japan.

Guarded by armed soldiers, Adams and his shipmate arrived safely at the castle of Osaka, and immediately were taken into the presence of Iyeyasu, the first Shogun of the Tokugawa family. Adams describes the event in one of his letters as follows:

"I was carried in one of the king's galleys to the court at Osaka, where the King lay, about eightie leagues from the place where the shippe was. The twelfth of May, 1600, I came to the great King's citie who caused me to be brought into the court being a wonderful costly house guilded with gold in abundance."

Iyeyasu, through an interpreter, put the following questions which Adams answered with as much skill as boldness: "From what country did you come?" "What made you come to this Empire?" To this, placing his hand upon England in a map of the world spread before Iyeyasu, he replied: "From England, a country as rich as Japan and ruled over by a great Queen. The English are the people who have long sought out the East Indies, desiring friendship by way of trading with all kings and potentates, that they are always ready to

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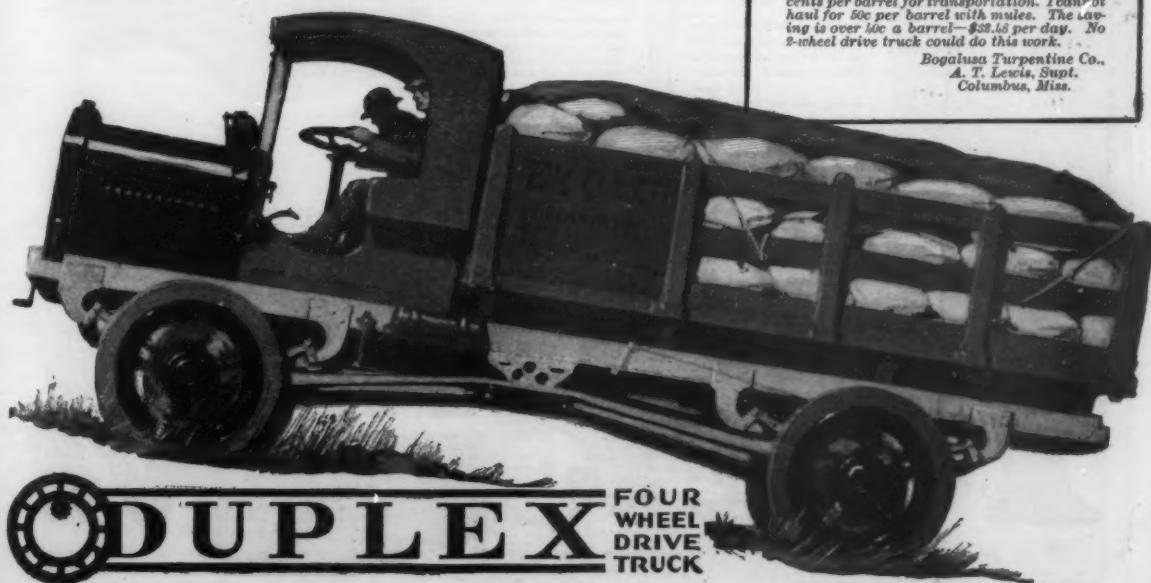
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exchange for the products that are alone to be got out of the East." Iyeyasu then inquired if the English had waged any war against other countries. He answered, "Yes, with the Spanish and Portuguese, who desire to monopolize the trade of the whole Indies; but now they are at peace with all other nations." Lastly he inquired of Adams what form of religion the English had, and what course he took from the Texel to Japan. By way of answer to the latter question, he, tracing it upon the map, explained the course through the Strait of Magellan.

Warmly received as he was, nevertheless, Adams was sent back to the prison, where he was kept for four months. Adams and his mate expected, tho kindly treated, to be crucified, as that was a common mode of execution in this country at that time. As he afterward discovered, the Portuguese had been trying hard, merely out of religious antipathy, to make the "Emperor" turn him out of his dominions or put him to death on the false ground that he and his mates had acted as pirates on the way to Japan. To this, Iyeyasu demurred and curtly replied: "Oh, no; it would be utter injustice to crucify him, as he has done no injury to me or to the people of my country." Not long after, the sagacious Iyeyasu sent for Adams again, of whom he made numerous inquiries, and finally set him free. In this last interview, Adams was recognized by that shrewd judge of human character as an able and honest man, and consequently entered into an agreement with him to be retained at the court, and employed as a shipbuilder, a teacher of mathematics, and foreign counselor.

In the course of five years he rendered the Shogun such valuable service that he was both trusted and honored. He built two ships on European models, for which he was paid the equivalent of \$140 a year, and he also received or acquired an estate with eighty or ninety servants. He became a naturalized subject of Japan, receiving the Japanese name Miura Sngin, and also a Japanese wife, Magome, the daughter of a merchant of Yeddo, which is Tokyo.

On June 11, 1613, Captain J. Saris arrived at Hirado with three English ships, bearing letters from the King of England to the Emperor of Japan. Adams, who had been apprized from England of the sending of this expedition for the establishing of international commercial relations, was now informed of its arrival and hurried to Hirado, which he reached after a journey of seventeen days. A new English factory was established under the charge of Richard Cocks, while Adams, with Captain Saris and five others, went to Sumpu, where the Shogun was encamped and presented the royal letters which were received with great respect. Then we read,

"Saris and Adams went to Yeddo, visiting on the way Kamakura and the bronze image of Daibutsu (Great Buddha); and after staying a few days in the great town, he returned via Uraga to Sumpu, where a treaty in eight articles was signed and given to Saris. The following is the leading clause:

"We give free admission and license to the subjects of Great Britain, for ever, to come into any of the ports of our Empire, with their ships and merchandise, without let or hindrance, to them or their goods, and to abide, buy, sell, and barter, according to their own manner, with all nations; to tarry here as long as they think good, and to depart at their pleasure."

Thus, mainly or largely through the influence of this British sailor, the beginnings of trade relations between Great Britain and Japan were established. For some years Adams [was in the] service of the new English factory at Hirado at a yearly salary of \$500, and made voyages to the Luchoo Islands and Siam. However, after the death of Iyeyasu, in May, 1616, lacking his friendly protection, the fortunes of the English post rapidly declined.

Adams died in 1620. He left a family in England, and it is said, tho it may reasonably be doubted, that his deserted English wife, Mabel Adams, died of grief on learning of his death. His Japanese wife survived him for fifteen years. There are still in Japan families that claim descent from this hardy foreign adventurer.

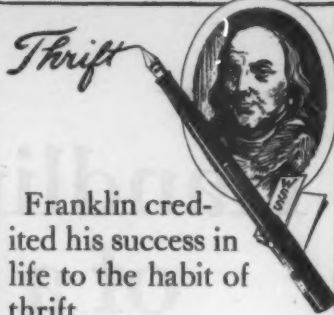
HOW CENTRAL-AMERICAN INDIANS WORK FOR CIVILIZATION

DEEP in the jungles of the world unthought-of savages are constantly, by primitive methods, producing commodities that are important elements in our civilization. Dr. Herbert J. Spinden, assistant curator of the American Museum of Natural History, in New York, who has just returned from a two years' tour of Central America, tells interesting tales of industry among the Indians and of jungle products. Says a writer in the *New York Evening Sun*:

Dr. Spinden discovered that about San Juan River and the headwaters of the Atrato in Colombia lies the greatest field of platinum ever discovered. And under control of American interests, Indians obtain the precious metal by the most primitive methods of placer-mining.

"In the Choco region I saw natives washing gold and platinum out of the stream in large pans made of wood," said Dr. Spinden at the Museum of Natural History. "The natives dive into the water, sinking by means of stones tied around their bodies. They scoop into a bag all the gravel they can find before they are compelled to rise to the surface. The women wash out the gravel, separating the gold and platinum from the dirt. The platinum field in that region is considered the largest yet discovered. Russia had the monopoly until five years ago. Now the amount of platinum taken out in the Choco district by placer-mining has jumped from 8,000 to about 50,000 ounces in that time.

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years. But the natives did not know the value of platinum.

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Dr. Spinden paid a high tribute to the zeal of Americans who worked in the tropics to obtain materials to satisfy the war-needs of the Government. Dr. Spinden continues:

"By far the most wonderful thing I discovered was the spirit of patriotism displayed by tiny groups of Americans sent into the forests on the mosquito coast of Nicaragua to get out mahogany."

"It was here that all of the straight-grained and fine wood was obtained for airplane propellers. It is not valuable for furniture, but the Government found it the best material for propeller-blades. Away up at the head of rapid streams, in the mosquito-infested jungles of the tropics, American boys worked until the end of the war. One outfit sent out by an American firm started through the jungle. Their canoe was upset in the rapids and for six weeks they subsisted on boiled green bananas and red beans, the native fare."

"The mahogany is floated to the sea in rafts, often down side-streams that are swollen with freshets and torn by rapids. Sometimes these rafts of mahogany logs float over the bank and a half mile or so from the river-bed, where they are lost in the wild cane. Last year alone 18,000,000 feet of mahogany were taken out of that region."

Dr. Spinden traveled from Managua, on the Pacific, down the Wanks River to the east coast, about four hundred miles. He found the Indians living in small villages made up of large palm-thatched huts. They were employed principally in getting out materials for Americans, one of the most important being balsa wood, which is twice as light as cork, and which was used by the Government in the manufacture of life-rafts and life-preservers. Here also a part of the great American army of civilians worked during the war.

"Along the west coast of Central America grows the fustic, or mora, a brilliant yellow wood," said Dr. Spinden. "It is from this wood that the dye is obtained for the making of khaki uniforms. The dye industry is growing in that section of the continent, particularly since the outbreak of the war. The indigo industry of Salvador, once a leading business, will probably regain its former strength during the present demand for dyes."

"Central America is wonderfully productive of things that are of economic value. We of to-day's civilization owe much to the Indians. For one thing, if it had not been for their domesticated plants we should never have had many of our dyes and medicines. Quinin, cascara sagrada, and cocaine are only a few of the products we owe the Indians. Potatoes, rubber, and cotton are others."

Dr. Spinden devoted his time in Central America to research for the Museum and assisting the Government in obtaining supplies for war-purposes.

PRaising AND APPRAISING THE NEXT SPEAKER

AS a Speaker of the House of Representatives has so many opportunities for making himself unpopular, especially with the minority members, it is well for Frederick H. Gillett, of Massachusetts, that he takes the perilous seat with the hearty approbation of both political friends and opponents. The *Springfield Republican*, which is not altogether in sympathy with Mr. Gillett's political colleagues, nevertheless, with justifiable pride in the triumph of an able man from its own home town, declares that—

The success of Mr. Gillett is inspiring, also, for the reason that it is the proper reward of long and faithful service. He plodded along in the House for over two decades, without gaining the preeminence which was won by some of his Massachusetts colleagues who entered the House later than he did. Fortune is capricious in bestowing her prizes, yet in this case one sees a man suddenly come to the front and find the door open to his greatest usefulness and power long after most politicians had dismissed him from their minds as a serious contender for the highest Congressional honors. Circumstances at this time have favored him, of course, but no one ever gets anywhere with circumstances dead against him.

That Mr. Gillett's term as Speaker will be most successful is the wish of all his constituents, who admire his ability, honesty, and trained capacity for public affairs. To New England as a whole his elevation is significant of the larger influence of this section in Washington. One must go back to Robert C. Winthrop and General Banks before the Civil War to find other Massachusetts men in the Speaker's chair; while since the Civil War only the parliamentary giants, Blaine and Reed, of Maine, have been able to attain such eminence. Into their company on the scroll of Congressional fame is Mr. Gillett now elevated.

Summing up the career of the new nominee for the Speakership, *The Republican* says further:

Frederick Huntington Gillett, who is to be the next Speaker of the House, was born October 16, 1851, in Westfield, and was named after Bishop F. D. Huntington, of Syracuse, N. Y., and Hadley, a classmate of his honored father, E. B. Gillett, at Amherst College. His mother was a daughter of James Fowler, a prominent citizen of Westfield. He fitted for college in the Westfield schools and was graduated from Amherst in the class of 1874 and from the Harvard law school in 1877. Previous to his college course, he spent a year in study and travel abroad, chiefly in Germany. His father, one of the ablest lawyers and most polished men of his time in western Massachusetts, took a deep interest in his education and early developed in the young man the talent for graceful oratory and felicitous expression inherited from himself; and there could hardly have been a better master in these arts.

F. H. Gillett began the practice of law in Springfield in partnership with Judge E. B. Maynard, and promptly exhibited an interest in politics, taking part in the State campaigns of 1878 as a speaker at various rallies.

Mr. Gillett was first elected to Congress in 1892, and has represented his district continuously ever since. He has now had thirteen continuous terms in the House. Thus, *The Republican*, quoting an article published in its own columns in September, 1917, when, in consequence of the illness of James R. Mann, Mr. Gillett became floor leader of the then minority party, adds:

He is the dean of all New England Representatives. Indeed, he is almost the dean of the Republican party in the National House. Ex-Speaker Joseph G. Cannon has had twenty-one terms, which means forty-two years in the House, but these were not continuous. His constituents left him home in the middle of the Harrison Administration and again at the beginning of the first Wilson Administration.

Consequently Mr. Gillett has held a continuous commission in the House longer than ex-Speaker Cannon ever did. His service in that regard is exceeded only by Representative William A. Jones, a Democrat from the eastern shore of Virginia. But Mr. Gillett has one full-fledged contemporary in Henry Allen Cooper, the Wisconsin radical, who came to Congress at the same time as he and has remained there constantly. Speaker Champ Clark has but twelve terms, and those have not been continuous, altho he entered the House at the same time as Representative Gillett.

The *New York Times* also expresses its approval of the majority's choice as follows:

For once a great party has put its best foot forward in the nomination of a candidate for one of the nation's highest offices. Frederick H. Gillett, who will be the next Speaker, is not only a good man, or the right man to elect, but he is conspicuously fitted for the place above all his competitors. That seldom happens in a country where compromises so often rule elections and nominations. Usually, as between the best and the worst, the parties compromise by choosing somebody neither very good nor very bad. But Gillett, able, experienced, broad-minded, and yet no mugwump, but a vigorous, honest partizan, stood out over all the others, and even, it may be said, over those who might have been put forward, but were not.

Mr. Gillett is himself quoted as saying upon his nomination: "I have reached the goal of my ambition, a happiness which I suppose comes to few men. . . . My ambition will now be to establish harmonious cooperation among all Republicans that we may cope successfully with the prodigious problems of the coming session." The papers of his own party naturally assume, like the *New York Sun*, that the new leader "is going to represent the Republican idea of the right man in the right place," and will also "epitomize the Republican slogan for 1920," which, we learn, is, "straight 100 per cent. Americanism, free from fads and crusades and backed by patriotism, efficiency, and common sense." *The Sun* thus describes his personality:

Meeting Mr. Gillett, one finds a man slender, of medium stature, with closely cropped beard and clear blue eyes. Always

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Altho senior member of the House in point of service and sixty-seven years of age, Mr. Gillett does not impress one as an elderly man. A casual caller at his office would put him down at forty-five or fifty. He is fit physically, his beard is not gray, and he gives rather the impression of being in the prime of life.

Dwelling upon the new Speaker's future methods, as they may be indicated by his career and disposition, the same paper asserts that—

Mr. Gillett will not resort to spectacular, brass-band means nor to uncalled-for abuse of political opponents. He will rely on facts and figures and the common sense of the American people. He believes in scrupulous fairness and courtesy, but at the same time he can resort to cutting irony and incisive argument in driving his facts home. As a debater Mr. Gillett, despite his mild manner, has already established a reputation which is appreciated, particularly on the Democratic side of the chamber.

To illustrate Mr. Gillett's ability as a debater and his fairness to his opponents, *The Sun* reprints several anecdotes, saying:

Altho his speeches generally are prepared very carefully and he avoids taking part in discussion excepting when he deems it necessary, Mr. Gillett can mix matters with the best of the extemporaneous speakers. Following the President's appeal for a Democratic Congress, certain Democrats sought to make it appear that the Kaiser hoped for a Republican victory. This drew the Gillett fire.

"Do you not think that he (the Kaiser) knows whom he has most to fear?" he asked.

"Will he think it is favorable to him if the next House is controlled by the party of Roosevelt and Wood and Gardner, by the party of La Guardia and Heintz and Johnson, who left their seats here to try to put bullets into his well-protected sons?"

Responding to charges of partizanship on the Republican side, Gillett said: "I believe there never has been a time when a strong minority, almost equal in numbers to the majority, has so suppress partizanship and criticism and so effaced its organization of whole-hearted support of its political opponents."

Rare, classical bits of irony and humor sparkle occasionally from Mr. Gillett's debate on the floor. Speaking on corrupt practices recently, he said:

"Everybody here—at least, almost everybody—is against the purchasing of votes."

Mr. Gillett made an excellent impression on his confrères in the House on September 27 last with regard to published reports that he had said Champ Clark had voted against the war-declaration. Speaker Clark's friends were incensed. Gillett should say something to correct this impression, they asserted, or if he does not want to embarrass his party he should at least tell the newspaper men to correct it.

"Don't worry," one of Gillett's friends said; "if any misstatement has been made Gillett won't hesitate to have it corrected. I've seen him play golf. He's a good loser."

"Mr. Speaker," Gillett said, rising on

this occasion. "In some of the press reports of some remarks which I made last Saturday it was stated that the Speaker, Mr. Clark, had voted against the declaration of war—"

Here comes the apology, the newspaper men thought, and they could themselves complete it along the well-worn lines of "the newspapers made a mistake, it was their fault, I was misquoted, etc., etc."

Continuing, Mr. Gillett said: "It was my fault. And as he did not vote against the declaration of war, I wish to state the fact here publicly.

"I think anybody who heard my whole speech or read it in *The Record* will appreciate the fact that I made no reflection at all upon the loyalty and patriotism of any member of the House, least of all against the Speaker, who has given to the service of the country a life which he values more than his own."

Perhaps the best example of Mr. Gillett's cutting irony is found in a little speech he made back in 1914, when William Jennings Bryan was the chief member of President Wilson's Cabinet and was being made the recipient of fulsome praise from members of the official family.

"I do not, of course, forget the notable eulogium pronounced in his presence by the Secretary of the Navy (Mr. Daniels)," Mr. Gillett said, "and published by the press, wherein he was described as the greatest Secretary of State since Jefferson, but I think it was rather an index of the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy, who spoke, and the receptivity for adulation of the Secretary of State, who listened, than any impairment of the prestige of Madison, Adams, Webster, and many others."

There was something about Bryan's lecturing for money while a member of the Cabinet that did not coincide with Mr. Gillett's feeling of propriety or his conception of national dignity.

"I do not like to believe that he (Mr. Bryan) is following Byron's precept," he said:

"So for a good old-gentlemanly vice,
I think I must take up with avarice."

Forecasting Mr. Gillett's attitude on public questions, *The Sun* holds that as "a good Yankee" he believes in economy; and as "no member of Congress has made a closer study of appropriations," he is sure to be an able opponent of reckless extravagance. Further, we learn:

In matters of foreign policy Mr. Gillett, like Senator Lodge, believes that politics stops at the water's edge. He was heart and soul for the Wilson Administration, mistakes or no mistakes, during the heat of the world-war. But now that the war is over he feels that common-sense judgment should assert itself and that free and open discussion should prevail. Eloquent silence greeted the request that he express himself on the President's League of Nations scheme to perpetuate everlasting peace.

Turning to safer, because non-controversial and non-speculative, matters, *The Sun* concludes:

Incidentally Mr. Gillett is a good golfer and some say he is the best golfer in Congress. He drives straight and plays the game with the same care that he devotes to preparing speeches. Three years ago Mr. Gillett was married to Mrs. Christine Rice Hoar, the widow of Congressman Rockwood Hoar. He maintains

a home in Washington on Eighteenth Street, and devotes such time as he can to the comforts and blessings of home life. But these are busy days, and frequently Mr. Gillett is busy at his office until late in the evening. Work and plenty of it has no terrors for him.

DID THE GERMAN FLEET WIN ON POINTS AT JUTLAND?

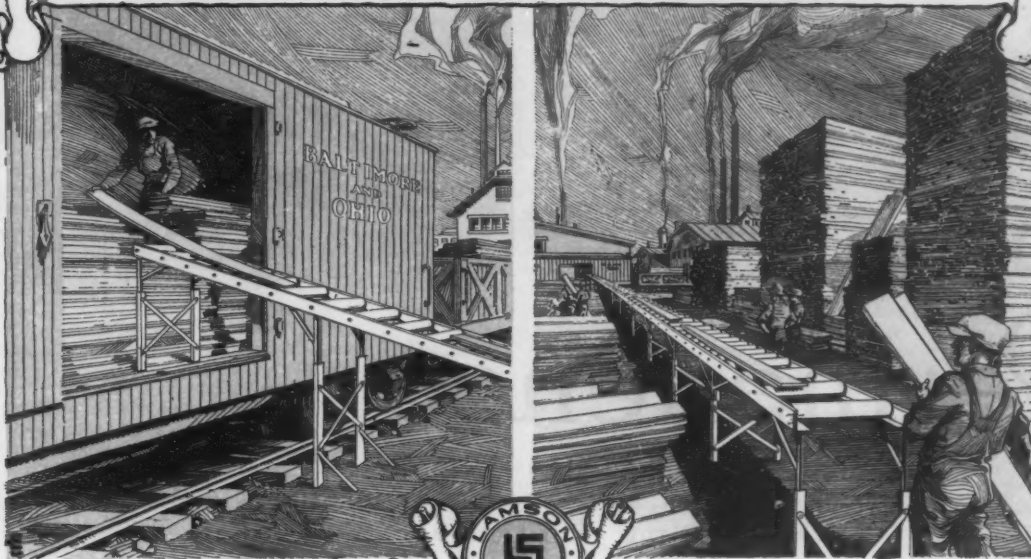
ADMIRAL SCHEER, the German commander in the great naval battle of Jutland, gets somewhat more credit than he has thus far received at British hands, and Sir John Jellicoe, the British Admiral, gets rather less, in a study of that famous action with which Sir Arthur H. Pollen concludes his just published work on "The British Navy in Battle" (Doubleday, Page & Co.). The writer, generally considered the leading British naval critic, has had access to the official reports of the fighting commanders, filed at the Admiralty, and he has not thrown his weight on the side of the extravagant praise that followed the British public's first panicky belief that the battle had been lost. Captain Jellicoe's own account of the battle, which appeared in a recent book credited to the Admiral, is not followed by Sir Arthur, whose final conclusion seems to be that, if Admiral Scheer did not "win" this greatest sea-fight in history, he at least accomplished the plan which the relative superiority of the British Fleet forced upon him. In brief, the Germans inflicted superior damage, "widened the range," when they wanted to, and finally got away with practically all of their crippled ships. If it was a victory for England, it would seem to be Sir Arthur's conclusion that it had elements of a Pyrrhic victory rather than of a clean-cut win.

Taking up the battle from the German standpoint, shortly after the arrival of British reinforcements had reduced the German Admiral to a decided inferiority in gun-fire and fighting units, Sir Arthur writes:

Scheer by this time had had his fleet on an easterly course for five and thirty minutes, waiting for the opportunity to turn a right angle or more, so as to retreat under the cover of his torpedo attacks. Up to this time the main body of his fleet had only been under fire for a brief interval, during which the rear division of the Grand Fleet had been in action. Scheer had, no doubt, watched the deployment of the Grand Fleet, and had realized that the method chosen had not only given him a quarter of an hour's respite, but had supplied him with that opportunity for counter-attack and the evasion it might make possible which he had been looking for. The battle-cruisers were well away to the east. The van and center of the Grand Fleet, tho well on his bows, were only just beginning to open fire.

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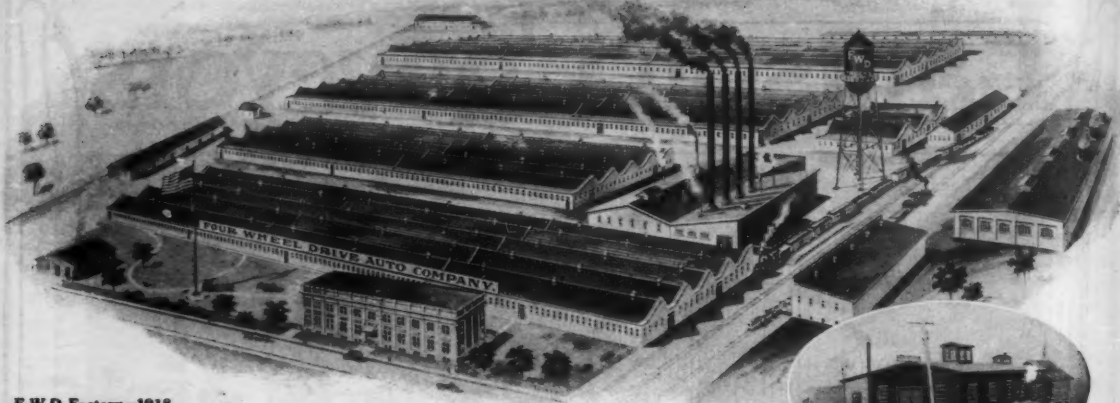
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use of smoke-screens, but probably soon realized that, if the range was closed much more, his fleet would soon be in a hopeless situation. At about a quarter to seven, therefore, he launched the first of his torpedo attacks. This had the desired effect. "The enemy," says the Commander-in-Chief (Jellicoe), "constantly turned away and opened the range under the cover of destroyer attacks and smoke-screens as the effect of British fire was felt." "Opening the range" means that the object of the torpedo attacks had been attained. For a quarter of an hour or more the closing movement of the Grand Fleet was converted into an opening movement. Scheer had prevented the close action that he dreaded. He had gained the time needed to turn his whole force from an easterly to a southwesterly course.

Sir David Beatty's account of his movements up to now is singularly brief. "At six o'clock," he says, "I altered course to east and proceeded at utmost speed. . . . At 6:20 the Third Battle Squadron bore ahead, steaming south toward the enemy's van. I ordered them to take station ahead. . . . At 6:25 I altered course to E.S.E. in support of the Third Battle-Cruiser Squadron, who were at this time only 8,000 yards from the enemy's leading ship." Nothing is said of his movements in the next twenty minutes. "By 6:50," he continues, "the battle-cruisers were clear of our leading battle squadron, then bearing N.N.W. three miles from *Lion*." (*Lion* was now third ship in the line.) "I ordered the Third Battle-Cruiser Squadron to prolong the line astern and reduce to eighteen knots." There was nothing now to hurry for. The daylight action was, in fact, over. For that matter good visibility was at an end. From 6:30 till the torpedo-attacks broke up the Grand Fleet's gunnery, it was engaged intermittently and at longer range by all three of the main squadrons. But by this time Sir David Beatty had passed ahead, and the survivors of the enemy's van had begun their turn.

The next phase of the action was a fruitless chase of the enemy from seven o'clock until 8:20. "At 7:6," says Sir David Beatty, "I received a signal that the course of the fleet was south. . . . We hauled round gradually to S.W. by S. to regain touch with the enemy (who were lost to sight at about 6:50), and at 7:14 again sighted them at a range of about 15,000 yards. . . . We reengaged at 7:17 and increased speed to twenty-two knots, the leading enemy battle-ships bearing N.W. by W. . . . At 7:45 P.M. we lost sight of them."

These two extracts from Sir David Beatty's dispatch, comments Sir Arthur, reveal the plan of enveloping the German Fleet, which he had endeavored to make possible and to share, and also his course after that plan had proved abortive. The inference, even tho the critic here makes no direct statement of his opinion, is that the main fleet under Jellicoe did not spread southward soon enough. Beatty was left to his own devices, it seems, while the main British Fleet was driven back by a torpedo-attack. The writer continues:

On hearing that at last he was to be supported, Sir David Beatty raised his battle-cruiser speed to twenty-two knots and made a last effort to get in touch with the retreating enemy. He soon found and engaged him at a range of 15,000 yards,

and contact coincided with a sudden improvement in the seeing conditions. Four ships only, two battle-cruisers and two battle-ships, evidently the van of the enemy's line, were visible, and these were at once brought under a hot fire, which caused the enemy to resort to smoke-screen protection, and, under cover of this he turned away to the west. At 7:45 the mist came down again and the enemy was lost to sight. The First and Third Light-Cruiser Squadrons were then spread out. They swept to the westward and located the enemy's line again, and at 8:20 the battle-cruisers—whose course had been southwest up to now—changed course to west and got into action apparently with the same four ships as before, at the short range of 10,000 yards. The leading ship soon turned away, emitting high flames and with a heavy list to port. She had been brought under the fire of the *Lion*. The *Princess Royal* set fire to one of the two battle-ships. The *Indomitable* and the *New Zealand* engaged a third and sent her out of the line, heeling over and burning also. Then the mist came down once more and the enemy was last seen by Falmouth at twenty-two minutes to nine.

The British Commander-in-Chief is far less explicit as to the occasions on which his ships got into action. The action between the battle-fleets, he said, lasted intermittently from 6:17 to 8:20. At 6:17 we know that Burney's division got into action, and at 6:30 until some time up to 7:20 the other divisions also. But no details of any kind of encounters later than that are mentioned. It is clear that after 6:50 the weather made continuous engaging quite impossible. There was a second torpedo-attack during the stern chase—and once more the enemy "opened the range."

The form that the deployment actually took, and the fifteen minutes' respite from attack won by the torpedo-attack at 7:40, which enabled Scheer to get his whole fleet on to a southeasterly from an easterly course, were, tactically speaking, the explanation of the German escape on the 31st. It is more difficult to understand exactly why they were not brought to action on the following day. Very little is actually known of what happened in the course of the night, and the dispatches throw little light on it because, tho many incidents are mentioned, very few have any definite hour assigned to them. The facts, so far as they can be gathered, are as follows:

The Grand Fleet seems to have lost sight of the Germans altogether after 8:2—and Sir David Beatty's scouts saw the last of their enemy at 8:28. The Vice-Admiral continued searching for forty minutes longer, and then fell back east and to the line which was the course of the Grand Fleet when he was last in touch with it by wireless.

The Commander-in-Chief does not tell us of any search made for the enemy at all. But from the fact that he had gone northward to look for his own destroyers and cruisers, it is evident that whatever information he had got during the night pointed to the probability of the enemy having retreated from the battle-field not south or west, but east and northward. At 8:40 on the previous evening he was last reported at a point 120 miles from the Horn Reef light-ship, bearing almost exactly northwest from it. It is highly probable that at least ten of the German ship had been struck by torpedoes in addition to the one sunk. And tho *Lutzwitz* was the only ship sunk by gun-fire, many others had suffered very severely.



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If the fleet's maximum speed before the action was eighteen knots, it is highly improbable that after the action it exceeded fifteen. At fifteen knots it would have taken the Germans eight hours to reach the Horn Reef light-ship, had they started for the point directly after contact with the British main squadrons was lost. Having suffered so severely and escaped so miraculously, it was not only obvious that Scheer's one idea on June 1 would be to make the most of his luck and get safely home, it was also to the last degree probable that he would shape a course for home which would bring him soonest under the protection of whatever defenses the German coast could offer. He would not, that is to say, attempt to gain Helgoland by trying to get round the British Fleet to the south and west, and then turn sharply east to Helgoland; he would probably try to creep down the Danish and Schleswig coasts, where wounded ships might, if necessary, be beached, and the islands might supply some form of refuge if the situation became desperate. It was on this route also that the submarines sent out to cover the retreat could be stationed. The best chance of bringing the Germans once more to action on the morning of June 1 would then appear to have been a sweeping movement toward the Horn Reef. The German Fleet could not possibly have reached this point before half-past four, and probably not before half-past six. The fast, light forces and the battle-cruisers could have got across to the Schleswig coast in two and a half hours and the battle-ships before seven o'clock.

If the dispatch tells us all that was done, one is rather driven to the conclusion that the Commander-in-Chief assumed that it was not our business, but the Germans' business, to resume the action. Why else should he say that "the enemy made no sign"? or exult in the fact that he knew from his *Zeppelin* at four o'clock where the British Fleet was if he liked to look for it? Why should the enemy make a sign? Was it not obvious after the events of the preceding day that he could have but one idea, and that was safety? Scheer and von Hipper had certainly done enough for honor. They had inflicted heavier losses than they had suffered. If they could get home they had anything but a discreditable story to tell. If the Commander-in-Chief really thought it was not his first duty to find and bring the enemy to action again; if the risk of approaching the Jutland coast seemed too great; if the frustration of any ulterior object the enemy might have contemplated the day before seemed cheaply purchased by the losses the Battle-Cruiser Fleet had suffered, so long as our main strength at sea was not impaired, then the proceedings on June 1, as communicated to us, are perfectly intelligible.

Yet there must have been many among his officers and under his command who took a diametrically different view. After engaging for the last time at 8:40 on the previous evening, Sir David Beatty says: "In view of the gathering darkness and of the fact that our strategical position was such as to make it appear certain that we should locate the enemy at daylight under most favorable circumstances, I did not consider it desirable or proper to close the enemy battle-fleet during the dark hours. I, therefore, concluded that I should be carrying out your wishes by turning to the course of the fleet, reporting to you that I had done so."

On the events of June 1 Sir David Beatty's dispatch is silent, but it is obvious that it was not his opinion overnight that

the morrow should be spent in waiting for the enemy to give a sign, but that, on the contrary, it was certain that he could and should be found and brought to action.

LLOYD GEORGE ON BRITISH LABOR UNREST

THE British Labor party is officially opposed to the Lloyd George Administration in Great Britain, but his tremendous victory in the last election, of course, could not have been won without the votes of the workers. The labor-leaders, too, have criticized his relief measures for the unemployed, the aged, and the sick on the ground that labor asks justice, not charity, but these measures have undoubtedly been of actual present help to thousands of the needy, even if they have also been the target for volleys of criticism, and the Premier is going right ahead with other enterprises of the same sort. Just now he is faced by the prospect of serious strikes that may develop into Bolshevism if not wisely met. That this is a real peril is shown by the speech of one of the labor-leaders who is also a member of Parliament, Mr. J. H. Thomas, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, but greeted more familiarly and affectionately by his audience with shouts of "Good, old Jim!" He is reported in the *London Times* as saying:

There are two dangers we are faced with. On the one hand are those people who can not read the signs of the times, the reactionaries who believe they were born to govern, and that they must enjoy the best things of life, and what is left is good enough for the others. The days of those people are doomed. There are those who believe you can revolutionize by mere industrial trouble or introduce what is called the Russian method into this country. I am as bitterly opposed to the one as to the other, because I believe both are dangers and must be fought, and that both are against the best interests of the working classes. I plead with you, railway men and women of the country, not to take the law into your own hands. The essence of democracy is to be loyal to those you have put into authority. Any other way will lead to disaster. Railway men and women, we are going to change the position. A better time is in store for you, but as democrats I appeal for loyalty.

Mr. Lloyd George treated the British labor troubles very frankly and strongly in his speech at the opening of Parliament, partly reported by cable and now brought to us in full in the *London papers*. After discussing other matters, he said:

I come now to the question of labor unrest. I can not conceive any question which is more important to the House to take cognizance of than this question. If this unrest continues the consequences will be grave to the trade and industry of this country, and if certain designs which some men harbor in this country had even a remote prospect of success, I can not think of a more serious matter for the House of Commons immediately to concern itself with. There is no doubt of the unrest. It is not so easy to divine the causes. Some of the causes are legitimate, some are not. Let us consider those which are legitimate.

In some respects the economic conditions of the country during the war have been better than during our lifetime. Wages have been higher, there has been no unemployment, there has been no distress, there has been no poverty comparable to that which existed before the war.

Still there are special war-conditions which have conduced to the unrest. Let us take them first. There is the strain of the last four and a half years. There is no doubt that nerves are rattled. Men have been working on the stretch for four and a half years, amid the tensest excitement and of all kinds of anxieties, working time and working overtime. Four and a half years of that is enough to produce a condition of things where men are not in their normal frame of mind when they come to consider any problem. Let us begin by remembering that, and by making allowance for it. I call that a legitimate cause, but it is a passing cause and a vanishing cause. It will grow less day by day.

What is the next? It is a genuine fear of unemployment. It is only workmen who have passed through times of unemployment who know the terrors of it and what it means to their households. What is the other cause? Social conditions, against which there have been growing dissatisfaction, discontent, and revolt in the conscience and heart of the community, and the better educated the working classes become the deeper and stronger is their resentment at these social conditions, many of them involving human degradation. There is bad housing, there is overcrowding in many districts—you have only to read the reports which have been presented to this House many a time—overcrowding under conditions in which no decent and wise agriculturist would have herded his cattle. All this has been aggravated during the war through the special conditions of the war. You have had workmen crowding into areas, because there were special munition-works there, already insufficiently supplied with houses, and no building possible. The ordinary building of the country has been at a standstill for five years. Men have crowded into these areas.

There is no doubt at all that even restrictions on the people's luxuries and amusements have helped, and all these are causes which have contributed to the unrest. I should like to say something about one or two of them, but I make this general observation first of all. In so far as there are legitimate causes of unrest, it is the business of the Government and the House of Commons to do its best to remove them, so as to give no justification for unrest, and so as not to give material for those who are exploiting that unrest. In individual cases we are dealing with them. In individual trades there is much more work being done in regard to hours of work and wages than perhaps the public knows of. In trades affecting 3,000,000 of the working people of this country, agreements have already been arrived at in regard to hours of labor. In trades affecting another 2,000,000 negotiations are still pending.

But there is a good deal to be said about a more general investigation into the whole causes of industrial unrest. The Government will welcome such an investigation, and will be glad to agree upon any method of investigation into the general causes which will be satisfactory to employed, to employers, and to the community at large. They have certain suggestions which they are prepared to put forward and to discuss on the proper occasion. There is, I think, an amendment to be moved on the subject of industrial unrest,



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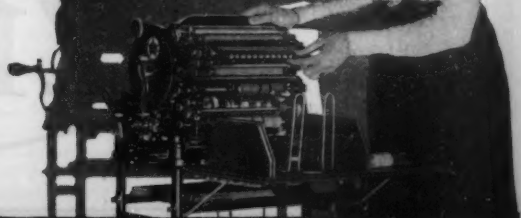
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and that might be the proper occasion to discuss these various suggestions. To take the question of social conditions. This Parliament is pledged up to the eyes to deal with them. There is not a member returned to this House who is not pledged to deal with these causes. My right honorable friend the member for Derby (Mr. Thomas), in the very brave and very wise speech which he delivered on Sunday, said he did not altogether trust this Parliament to carry out these pledges. I can not imagine a graver indictment against any Government, or Parliament, than that. We have been given authority to deal with these matters, and the Government mean to do their best. I am confident Parliament will support them. If we fail history will condemn not merely the personnel, but the egregious folly of such a failure. Bills will be introduced, and introduced soon, to deal with housing, with health, with the development of the transport of the country, the revival of rural life, with land settlement for soldiers and others, and with reclamation and afforestation.

Then the Premier turned to a point that some people seem to forget, namely, that if business is too badly hampered by labor unrest it will come to a standstill, and there will be nothing for anybody. He proceeded:

I do not believe that there is any fear of unemployment if we behave rationally and wisely, but if there is any attempt to reproduce the conditions which we have witnessed in Russia, where there is a deficiency of profitable employment, that would be indeed fatal to employment in this country. The heavy burdens of the war bear heavily on all classes and on all businesses, and that has got to be borne in mind when you are trying to start all classes of industry again in this country. I wish that fact to be borne in mind. If too many demands are not put forward by certain sections of the community, there is plenty of material for employment if all classes act with restraint and wisely. There was a very admirable passage in my honorable and gallant friend's speech in which he pointed out the arrears in all parts of the world which have not been supplied during the last four or five years in some of the essential ingredients of work throughout the various countries that constitute our markets. In railways, in textiles, in ships, in furniture, in buildings, there are great arrears. All these have got to be made up. There is no danger of unemployment if certain essential conditions of employment are adhered to.

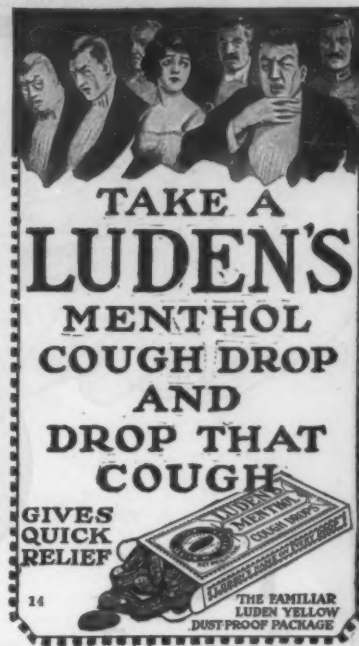
What are those conditions? First of all, confidence must be given to those who are responsible for starting the wheels of industry and commerce. It is with difficulty we can get a move on. There is a great hanging back, because men do not quite know what is going to happen. There are so many doubtful conditions. And if men apprehend that an enterprise which they propose to start is going to be interrupted by some social upheaval they would rather not start. They know perfectly well that if they begin and something happens, and they are caught half-way, they would be ruined. Confidence, therefore, is essential to setting the wheels of industry and commerce going. Disturbance creates unemployment, aggravates unemployment, perpetuates unemployment. What is the second cause of possible unemployment? If the cost of production in this country becomes so high that it reduces the purchasing capacity of the community as a whole, or puts us out of the markets of the

world—and both will happen if the cost of production is too high—that means disastrous unemployment. That is why one individual trade can not be considered without reference to the rest, and I should like all sections of the community to bear that in mind at the present moment. A great increase in the cost of some essential ingredients like coal or transport may easily destroy our chance of restarting our great export industry. We are a great exporting country. I believe we exported before the war something like £1,000,000,000 worth of goods of all sorts. It was a gigantic trade. It used to be computed that half of that was wages. Most of that trade was conducted on a narrow margin. A little change, this way or that way, would have given the trade to some one else. Four shillings a ton on coal, or shillings added for some other ingredients, whether it be shipping or other transport, or in some other way, may deprive us of hundreds of millions of trade in all parts of the world. What does that mean to employment? It means throwing hundreds of thousands of men out of work. I am not sure that it might not run to millions. Would the miners gain by that in the end? No one can consider individual trades without reference to their bearing upon other trades, and when we talk about unemployment, we have got to bear in mind those two essential considerations.

It is a great mistake to imagine that there is an inexhaustible reservoir of profit that you can dip into at any moment without burdening any trade or business. There is no better illustration than the railways. At the beginning of the war the railways of this country were making a profit of £50,000,000, which produced a dividend of under 4 per cent. That is not a very extravagant return for capital, a great deal of it invested by small people. It is not invested in big sums, as a rule. What has happened since the war? Owing to increases in one thing or another, in wages, curtailment of the hours of labor, and increased cost of material, we have added ninety million pounds to the cost of running the railways. Where is the fund of profit there? It is all gone. Who is to make it up? The first-class passenger will not produce much if you double or treble his fare. Every railway manager knows that. We have to get it from the consumer in some way or other—from your third-class passenger, your goods, your food. That is the only way to get it. I only want every section of the community when it puts forward demands to bear these essential facts in mind that all these demands are passed on to some one else, and that there is a stage where if you pass them on they crowd on top of some poor industry that can barely march now, and it is crushed. That means unemployment for somebody.

The attractive idea that a reduction of the hours of labor will provide more employment was next examined as follows:

There is a theory that one way of providing employment is by reducing the hours of labor, so that there will be enough work to go round at the same wages. Reduce the hours of labor to what is legitimate and what is fair and possible, but to reduce them merely in order to create employment for exactly the same wage is the one way to make unemployment over the whole country. I should have thought that that stood to reason; it is really so elementary. It increases the cost of a particular commodity which a trade is producing, that commodity is an ingredient in something



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else; if you put up the price you diminish the purchasing capacity, and if you diminish the purchasing capacity you diminish employment. Not only that, but, as I have pointed out, you destroy the overseas trade upon which this country depends more than any country in the world. I would despair if the working classes of the country did not realize that elementary fundamental principle. But I am sure they do. You may by this process gain something which looks like a big wage, but in the end you increase the cost of everything. See what happened in Russia. The workers there seemed to be getting sumptuous wages. They ran up to the most splendid figures, but when they went into a shop with these wages, what could they buy for them? Go there with a £5 note and you will buy as much as you could buy here very often for 1s. 6d. What is the good of wages being increased for those people? Puffed-up wages which look good on paper—and they are paper—as if the working classes at last were coming into their own. They are being cheated by that system at every step, and they are beginning to discover it. There are legitimate means by which the Government can assist employment. Take the housing problem. My right honorable friend asked me a question about what we were doing. He ventured to say that not one single step had been taken. He is quite misinformed. As a matter of fact, the Ministry of Supplies has already taken the most gigantic steps to prepare for the housing program. They have ordered material on a very considerable scale which will provide employment—bricks, windows, and doors, and all the material which is essential for the building of houses. That is one method. There is the development of the ways of communication which will open up the resources of the country. That will provide legitimate employment while it enriches the country at the same time. There are projects like afforestation and settlement on the land which provide for the healthiest means of employment which any state can provide for its people in the greatest industry in the land.

Mr. Lloyd George urges the workers to follow the advice of their labor-leaders. But if they refuse, and prefer the path of anarchy, then they will be treated as enemies of the nation. To quote his words:

Then as to the causes of this unrest—I am bound to be frank with the House. One of them was dealt with by my right honorable friend, and I am not going to deal with them all. There is the sedulous attempt which has been made for years to undermine confidence in trade-union leaders. Why? It has produced indiscipline which is often beyond the control of the trade-union; it has almost made collective bargaining impossible. And I can not conceive anything more fatal to the industrial life of this country. A trade-union leader acquires in the course of years knowledge and experience in the course of his business; more than one side and one aspect are forced upon his vision, and he gets to know things which otherwise would never have been brought to his notice. Knowledge and experience give responsibility, and the moment they exercise that responsibility they are attacked. Their influence is undermined, distrust and suspicion creep over them, and the result is distrust where there ought to be confidence, and it is almost impossible to do business in some trades. I have had some experience of it. Why is this done? It

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is done undoubtedly by some for the very reason that anarchy is the only thing that can follow—and that is what they are after. Anarchy is their aim, and anarchy is the purpose of some of those men who are seeking to destroy, not merely trade-unionism, but the state.

There are men in certain trades at present who are undoubtedly urging their leaders to use the power which they have got to hold up business. We had some very strong words about that from my right honorable friend. I have one or two words to say about that on behalf of the Government. Every demand which is put forward by any body of workmen the Government are bound to examine, and they will examine it fairly and carefully, with a view to removing any legitimate grievance and to redress any unfairness or inequalities. But any demand which is prestat forward with a view, not to obtaining fair conditions, but with ulterior motives—to hold up and to overthrow the existing order and to destroy government, relying not upon the justice of the claim, but the brute force which is behind it, then may I say as to that, on behalf of the Government, in all solemnity, we are determined to fight Prussianism in the industrial world exactly as we fought it on the Continent of Europe, with the whole might of the nation. Whether it be employers or employed, when anybody uses force in order to drive an unfair bargain with the community, we are bound to fight that with the whole might of the nation, or we cease to be a government.

I have already indicated that the first thing we have got to do is to get peace. You will not get settlement in the world until you have peace. These disturbances are interfering with the making of peace, and they are making it difficult to make peace. Every morning before I went to the Peace Conference I had messages from London about a strike, and when I returned in the evening about another strike—trade-union leaders thrown over and bargains repudiated, and, I do not mind saying it, I think it would have been to the advantage of the Peace Conference if I had been able to remain there for a few days longer. These disturbances are promoting the very evils which they are supposed to be intended to work against and to get rid of—they are making peace difficult.

I really appeal to men of all sections to consider seriously the effect of demands which are made upon the community merely upon the strength of force behind them. I know the perils, I know the dangers, and I have carefully reckoned the cost, and I say deliberately that if the people of this country are prepared to face both the peril and the cost with the courage, endurance, and patience which they have exhibited in the face of an equally great enemy, and if all classes of the community are prepared to make the necessary sacrifices for the security and freedom of industry on which the future of this land and the happiness of its people really depend, then I am prepared to say with full knowledge that no section of the community, however powerful it may be, can or will be allowed to hold up the whole nation. Claims we will examine, and we will devote the whole of our strength to setting right and redressing all legitimate grievances. But I appeal to the common sense of all sections of the community so that the victory won so largely by the heroism and tenacity of this great nation in five years of sacrifice shall not be wantonly dissipated in a few weeks of frenzied strife.



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AMERICA, the power and vigor of America, on its way to add the final crushing blow to Germany—this theme runs with an electric tingle through the later chapters of Coningsby Dawson's new series of war-letters, "Living Bayonets" (Doran). There is no "spread-eagleism" about the author's testimony to the importance of our part in the war, for Mr. Dawson's first allegiance was to England and to the Canadian artillery regiment with which he fought. As he puts it with some sharpness, "We could have won without the Yanks—we're sure of that. Still, we're glad they're coming, and we walk jauntily. We may die before the promise is sufficiently fulfilled to tell. What does that matter? The Yanks are coming. We shall not have died in vain. They will reap the peace for the world which our blood has sown."

In other parts of these collected letters, the writer lets it be known that, in his opinion, we were rather slow to grasp the necessity of making the world safe for democracy, but he is fully appreciative of the dimensions which the American effort reached before the end, and such significant incidents as the American capture of Hamel, in conjunction with the Australians, on July 4, 1918, are understood at their full value, and eloquently described. Of this Fourth of July celebration he writes under date of July 10:

The attack that the Americans put on on July 4 is, to my mind, one of the most significant things that has happened yet. Their battle-cry, "*Lusitania*," says everything in one word concerning their purpose in coming to France. If I were a Hun I should find it more terrifying than the most astounding statements of armaments and men. I can picture the enemy in those old shell-holes of the Somme that I know so well. It's early morning and a low white mist steals ghostlike over that vast graveyard, where crumbling trenches and broken entanglements mark the resting places of the dead. The enemy would be sleepy-eyed with his long vigil, but with the vanishing of night he would fancy himself safe. Suddenly, hurled through the dawn, comes the cry "*Lusitania*!" It must have sounded like the voice of conscience—the old and boasted sin for which medals were struck, the infamy of which was worn as a decoration, rising out of the past to exact suffering for suffering, panic for panic, blood for blood. Whoever chose that battle-cry was a poet—he said everything in the shortest and most memorable way. America is in France to act as the revenge of God. She has suffered in the spirit what France has suffered in the flesh; through being in France she has learned from the French the justice of passionate, punishing hate. I can think that somewhere beneath the Atlantic the bodies of murdered children sat up at that cry; I can believe that the souls of their mothers went over the top with those American boys. "*Lusitania*!" The white-hot anger of chivalry was in the cry.

Yes, and we, too, are learning to hate. For years we have hesitated to dogmatize

as to which side God favors; but now, since hospitals have been bombed and the women who came to nurse us have been slaughtered, Cromwell's religious arrogance has taken possession of our hearts—"Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered." When it was only we men who were wounded and killed by the Hun we could afford to regard him with an amused tolerance, but now—. This is how we have changed; we should welcome our chance to kill at close quarters and to forget mercy. This time last year we were proud to say that we have no personal animosity for the individual German; it sounded so strong and impartial. We don't feel that way now; can't feel that way. At last, because of our women who are dead, we have learned the magnanimity of hatred. Germany has entered a new phase of the war—a phase which her persistent brutality has created. She will find no more smiling faces on our side of No Man's Land when she lifts up her hands, shouting "*Kamerad!*" We are not her comrades; we never shall be again so long as our race-memory lasts. Like Cain, the brand of murder is on her forehead and the hand of every living creature is against her. When she pleads with us her common humanity, we will answer "*Lusitania!*" and charge across the Golgothas and the mists of the dawn, driving her into oblivion with the bayonet. No truth of the spirit which her voice utters will ever be truth for us again. It has taken four years to teach us our lesson; we were slow; we gave quarter; but we have learned.

The next letter, a brief one, deals with the dishonoring of an officer who had preferred to live a coward rather than to die a hero. He had been sentenced to be shot, but the sentence was commuted to one by the terms of which only "his honor was to be buried."

FRANCE, July 11, 1918.

I've returned from being with the infantry and am back with my battery now. For the next few days I shall probably be out of touch with my incoming mail.

I have spoken several times to you about the test of war; how it acknowledges one chief virtue—courage. A man may be a poet, painter, may speak with the tongue of angels; but if he has not courage, he is as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. The other day I was accidentally the witness to the promulgation of a court martial. The man was an officer; he had been sentenced to be shot, but the order had been changed to cashiering. There, in the sunlight, all his brother officers were drawn up at attention. Across the fields the men whom he had commanded were playing baseball. He was led out bare-headed. The sentence and the crime for which he had been sentenced were read aloud to him in an unsteady voice. When that was ended, an officer stepped forward and stripped the buttons and the badges of rank from his uniform. It was like a funeral at which his honor was buried. Under an escort, he was given "Right Turn," and marched away to meet the balance of life that remained. In peace times he'd have been reckoned a decent-looking chap, a little smart, but handsome—the kind of fellow of whom some mother must have been proud and whom probably at least one girl loved. A tall chap, too—six feet at least. I see him standing in the strong sunlight, white-faced and dumb—better dead—despised. His fate was the fate which many of us feared before we put on khaki when the

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The mail, bringing life in the outside world into sharp contrast with life in the trenches, inspires the four following letters. Descriptions of "trench life," such as we have become familiar with through dozens of "personal narratives," are not here, except in essentials—or quintessentials—but the effect of war's brute power upon Mr. Dawson's sensitive and well-civilized powers of observation results in bits of philosophy, poetry, of description that seem less description than life itself. Under date of July 15 he writes:

The mail has just come up to us. The runner stuck his head into the hole in the trench where I live and shoved in a pile of letters. "How many for me?" I asked. "All of them," he said.

I'm all alone at the battery, the Major having gone forward to reconnoiter a position and all the other subalterns being away on duties—so I've had a quiet browsing through my correspondence. A Hun cat sits at the top of the dugout across the trench and blinks at me. We found him on the position. He's fat and sleek and plausible-looking. I can't get it out of my mind that he's kept up his strength by battenning on the corpses of his former owners. Between the guns there are two graves: one to an unknown British and the other to an unknown German soldier.

The battle-field itself stretches away all billowy with hay for miles and miles. When a puff of wind blows across it, it rustles like fire. The sides of the trenches are gay with poppies and cornflowers. The larks sing industriously overhead and above them, like the hum of a swarm of bees, pass the fighting planes. Miles to the rear I can hear the strife of bands, playing their battalions up to the line. A brave, queer, battling world! If one lives to be old he will talk about these days and persuade himself that he longs to be back, if the time ever comes when life has lost its challenge.

The Hun doesn't seem to be as frisky as he was in March and April. Now that he's quieting down, we begin to lose our hatred and to speak of him more tolerantly again. But whatever may be said in his defense, he's a nasty fellow.

Since I started this letter I've dined, done a lot of work, watched a marvelous sunset, and received orders to push up forward very early in the morning. I shall probably send you a line from the O. P. The mystery of night has settled down. Round the western rim of the horizon there is still a stain of red. Under the dusk limbers and pack-horses crawl along mud trails and sunken roads. We become populous when night has fallen.

FRANCE, July 17, 1918.

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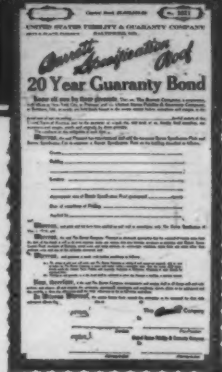
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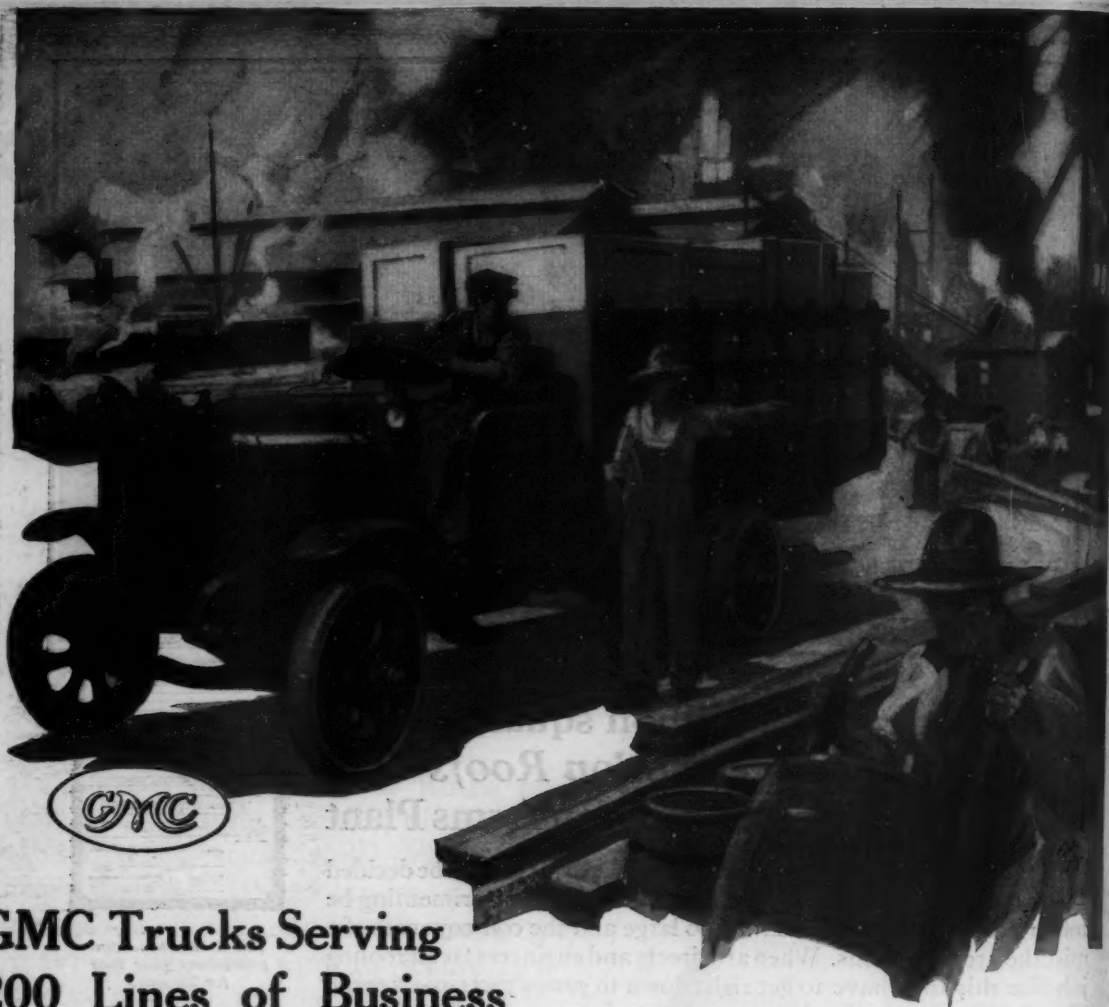
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Fifth Avenue—if it wasn't tortured bodies, broken hearts, and blinded eyes. Where I am the dead lie thick beneath the sod; poppies pour like blood across the landscape and cornflowers stand tall in sockets empty of eyes. The inscription, "Unknown Soldier," is written on many crosses that grow like weeds from the shell-holes. All the feet that marched away with shouting now lie silent; their owners have even lost their names. Could death do more? Where I live at present everything is blasted, stagnant, decayed, morose. War's a fine spectacle for those who only cheer from the pavement.

It isn't that I'm angry with people for seeing life and being gay. We're gay out here—but we've earned the right. Many of us are happier than we ever were in our lives. Why not? For the first time we're quite sure every minute of the day that we're doing right. And that certainly is the only excuse for being happy while the front line is suffering the tortures of the damned.

I came down this morning from doing forward work; it has been raining in torrents and the trenches were awash. I sleep to-night at the battery and to-morrow I go forward again. It's really great fun forward when it's fine. All day you watch the Hun country for signs of movement and snipe his support-trenches and back-country. Far away on the horizon you watch plumes of smoke trail from the chimneys of his towns and try to guess his intentions and plans. War's the greatest game of the intellect yet invented; very little of its success to-day is due to brute strength.

It's night now. I'm sitting in my shirt-sleeves, writing by the light of a candle in an empty bottle. A row is going on outside as of "armed men falling down stairs," to borrow Stevenson's phrase. It's really more like a dozen celestial cats with kettles tied to their tails. I wonder what God thinks of it all; of all the kings, he alone is silent and takes no sides, notwithstanding the Kaiser's "*Me und Gott*."

My jolly little major has just looked up to suggest that the war won't be ended until all the world is under arms. He's an optimist.

FRANCE, July 18, 1918.

I'm up forward, sitting on a bank, looking at the Hun country through a hedge. I know you'd give anything to be with me. In front there's a big curtain of sea-gray sky, against which planes crawl like flies. A beautiful half-moon looks down at me with the tragic face of Harlequin. Far away across a plain furrowed by shell-fire the spires and domes of cities in the captured territory shine. Like all forbidden lands, there are times when the Hun country looks exquisitely and unreally beautiful, as tho it were tempting us to cross the line.

I've just left off to watch a squadron of enemy planes which have been attempting to get across to our side. Everything has opened up on them; machine guns are spouting their luminous trails of tracer bullets; archies are bursting little cotton-wool clouds of death between them and their desire. They evidently belong to a circus, for they're slipping and tumbling and looping like great gulls to whom the air is native. Ah, now they've given it up and are going home thwarted. I wonder what the poor old moon thinks of all these antics and turmoils in the domain which has been hers absolutely for so many eons of nights. The horrible and the beautiful blending in an ecstasy, that is what war is to-day.

All one's senses are unnaturally sharpened for the appreciation of both happiness and pain. You walk down a road where a shell fell a minute ago; the question always in your mind is, "Why wasn't I there?" You shrug your shoulders and smile, "I may be there next time"—and bend all your energies toward being merry to-day. The threat of the end is very provocative of intensity.

It's nearly dark now and I'm writing by the moonlight. One might imagine that the angels were having pillow-fights in their bedrooms by the row that's going on in the sky. And there was a time when the occasional trolley beneath my window used to keep me awake at night!

Five A.M. The letters came last night. You may imagine the place in which I read them—lying on a kind of coffin-shell in a Hun dugout with the usual buzzing of battered flies and the usual smell and snoring of an unwashed B. C. party. How good it is to receive letters; they're the only future we have. After I'd sent the runner down to the battery I had to go forward to a Gomorra of fallen roofs, which stands almost on the edge of No Man's Land. Stagnant shell-holes, rank weeds, the silence of death, lay all about me, and along the horizon the Hun flares and rockets danced an impish jig of joy. When the war is ended we shall miss these nights. Strange as it sounds, we shall look back on them with wistfulness and regret. Our souls will never again bristle with the same panic of terror and daring. We shall become calm fellows, filling out our waistcoats to a contented rotundity; no one will believe that we were once the first fighting troops of the European cockpit. We shall argue then, where to-day we strike. We shall have to preach to make men good, whereas to-day we club vice into stupor. We shall miss these nights.

I glance up from my pages and gaze out through the narrow slit from which I observe. I see the dear scarlet poppies shining dewy amid the yellow dandelions and wild ox-eyed daisies. I am very happy this morning. The world seems a good place. For the moment I have even given over to detesting the Hun. With luck, I tell myself, I shall sit in old gardens again and read the old volumes, and laugh with the same dear people that I used to love. With luck—but when?

FRANCE, July 19, 1918.

We're all sitting round the table studying maps of the entire Western Front and prophesying the rapid downfall of the Hun. It's too early to be optimistic, but things are going excellently and the American weight is already beginning to be felt. It may take two years to reach the Rhine, but we shall get there. Until we do get there, I don't think we shall be content to stop. We may not all be above ground for the end; but people who are like us will be there.

My batman has just returned to the guns from the wagon-lines, bringing me two letters and a post-card. They were most welcome. After reading them I went out into the moonlight to walk over to the guns, and, such is the nature of this country, tho the journey was only two hundred yards, I lost myself. Everything that was once a landmark is leveled flat—there's nothing but shell-holes covered with tangled grass, barbed wire, exploded shell-cases, and graves. I can quite understand how men have wandered clean across No Man's Land and found themselves the guests of the Hun.

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have cooking for our mess at present—how he was no good as a cook until I got word that his wife had been drowned in Canada; his grief seemed to give him a new pride in himself, and since his dinner our meals have been excellent. This morning I found a curious document on my table, which ran as follows: "Sir, I can't cook without stuff to cook with." I was at a loss to discover its meaning for some time. Why couldn't he cook? Why should he want to cook? How does one cook? And whether he could or couldn't cook, why should he worry me about it?

Then the widower presented himself, standing sooty and forlorn in the trench outside the mess. The mystery was cleared up.

The mess-cart is just up, and I'm going to send this off, that it may reach you a day earlier.

Not so cheerful is this letter, written in those days late in July when it was the consensus of enlightened Allied opinion that the war would have to go on for two years more at least. "I believe that," writes Mr. Dawson, "and yet I hope." He hopes because, along the roads of France and in trench and gun-pit "you can hear one song being sung by Tommies and poilus"—a doggerel kind of a song, and yet with the hope of the world in every note and word of it. It breaks through the gloom of the latter part of this letter, as the Yanks whom it tells about broke through every piece of German line they were sent against. He writes, under date of July 23, 1918:

I'm sitting in my "summer-house" on the trench. One side is unvalled and exposed to the weather; a curtain of camouflage stretches over the front and disguises the fact that I am "in residence." For the last twenty-four hours it's been raining like mad, blowing a hurricane, and thundering as tho' all the clouds had a sneezing fit at once. You can imagine the state of the trenches and my own drowned condition when I returned to the battery this morning from my tour of duty up front. It seems hardly credible that in so short a time mud could become so muddy. However, I usually manage to enjoy myself. Yesterday while at the O. P. I read a ripping book by "O" with almost—not quite—the Thomas Hardy touch. It was called "The Ship of Stars," and published in 1899. Where it fails, when compared with Hardy, is in the thinness of its story and unreality of its plot. It has all the characters for a Titanic drama, but having created them, "O" is afraid to let them be the brutes they would have been. How many novelists have failed through their determination to be quite gentlemanly when merely to have been men would have made them famous! If ever I have a chance again I shall depict men as I have seen them out here—animals, capable of animal lusts, who have angels living in their hearts.

To-day has the complete autumn touch; we begin to think of the coming winter with its drenched and sullen melancholy—its days and nights of chill and damp, telescoping one into another in a gray monotony of grinness. Each summer the troops have told themselves, "We have spent our last winter in France," but always and always there has been another.

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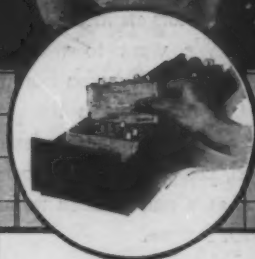
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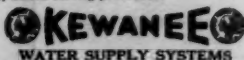
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Two hours elapsed; then through the loneliness one heard the lagging tramp of tired men, which came nearer and drew level. You saw them snowed on by the waning moon as they passed. You saw their rounded shoulders and the fatness of their heads—you knew that they were German prisoners. Limping in the rear, one arm flung about a comrade's neck, came our wounded. Just toward dawn the dead went by, lying with an air of complete rest upon their stretchers. It was like a Greek procession, frescoed on the mournful streak of vagueness which divides eternal darkness from the land of living men. Just so, patiently and uncomplainingly, has all the world since Adam followed its appointed fate into the fold of unknowingness. We climb the hill and are lost to sight in the dawn. There's majesty in our departure after so much puny violence.

And God—he says nothing, tho we all pray to him. He alone among monarchs has taken no sides in this war. I like to think that the Union Jack waves above his palace and that his angels are drest in khaki—which is quite absurd. I think of the irresistible British Tommies who have "gone West," as whistling "Tipperary" in the streets of the New Jerusalem. They have haloes around their steel helmets and they've thrown away their gas-masks. But God gives me no license for such imaginings, for he hasn't said a word since the first cannon boomed.

In some moods one gets the idea that he's contemptuous; in other, that he takes no sides because his children are on both sides of No Man's Land. But in the darkest moments we know beyond dispute that it is his hands that make our hands strong and his heart that makes our hearts compassionate to endure. I have tried to inflame my heart with hatred, but can not. Hunniness I would give my life to exterminate, but for the individual German I am sorry—sorry as for a murderer who has to be executed. They are all apologists for the crimes that have been committed; the civilians, who have not actually murdered, are guilty of thieving life to the extent of having received and applauded the stolen goods.

We had a heated discussion to-day as to when the war would be ended; we were all of the opinion, "Not soon. Not in less than two years, anyway. After that it will take another twelve months to ship us home." I believe that, and yet I hope. Along all the roads of France, in all the trenches, in every gunpit you can hear one song being sung by *poilus* and Tommies. They sing it while they load their guns, they whistle it as they march up the line, they hum it while they munch their bully-beef and hardtack. You hear it on the regimental bands and grinding out from gramophones in hidden dugouts:

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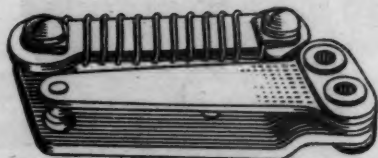
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RUSSIA IN THE MIDST OF ITS EXPERIMENT IN POLITICS AND MURDER

EXPERIMENTS in vivisection on the living body of society," as the Socialistic Berlin *Vorwärts* has referred to the present working out of Bolshevism in Russia, continue in Petrograd, Moscow, and throughout Russia. The immediate "vivisection," it appears, is frequently left to Mongolian executioners, who, according to the "internationalism" of Trotzky and Lenine, are just as capable as anybody else of blowing the heads off Russians so criminally minded as to be opposed to Bolshevism. One of these imported executioners is introduced in an intimate account of "The Red Terror in Russia," which appears in the March issue of *The World's Work*. The writer, Arno Dosch-Fleuret, is a prominent newspaper correspondent whose Russian dispatches have circulated widely in this country. Regarding the curious mixture of Slav and Oriental in Russian life, now showing itself in hired Mongolian murderers, he writes:

I was passing before the Chinese Gate of the old Tatar city in Moscow one afternoon last summer when I got a mental snap-shot of the red terror that has made a lasting impression on me. The incident was commonplace enough, but the composition of the picture seized the overwrought, terror-held imagination which I in common with every one, even including the Bolsheviks, was suffering from in Russia.

The ancient Chinese Gate; ever reminding of the soft yielding of the Russians to outside, strange, particularly oriental influences, was in the background. Before it, conspicuous among the lazy movements of the half-eastern, half-western crowd, passed a tall Mongolian soldier in the common Russian uniform, a bare automatic stuck in his belt flat on his stomach. He walked with a masterly stride like the other Mongolians who passed in and out of that gate hundreds of years ago among the same motley crowd of Russian peasants. And well he might feel his power, for he was one of the executioners hired by the Bolsheviks to take their prisoners—officers, *bourgeois*, peasants who objected to their dictatorship, anybody they did not like—and, forcing them to kneel in dark corners, to put that same automatic behind their ears and blow their heads off.

Just as he passed a load of his victims came gliding by. A modern police van, smooth-running, its dark green paint barely scratched, the only neat-looking thing left in Moscow, slipped silently across the square into the picture—bound for the Kremlin. It held ordinarily perhaps thirty persons, but was so tightly crowded I could see several heads through the tiny grating at the rear. Among them I recognized a young officer, who was soldier, and nothing more. He was arrested, taken

as a "hostage," and, as he was on his way to the Extraordinary Commission Against Counter-revolution, Speculation, and Sabotage, I did not have the slightest expectation of ever seeing him again. I never even knew his fate, nor did his family. He took a ride in the Bolshevik "tumbrel," and that was all any one ever knew. That is one of the most terrible things about the red terror.

The next most terrible thing, says the writer, is that all this promiscuous murder and misery were promoted by the Bolsheviks as a political move. They went about it coldly, as a surgeon might go about an operation which had never been tried before and whose effect on the patient was largely a matter of guesswork. Now they are not all sure that the operation is proceeding successfully. As Mr. Dosch-Fleuret writes:

Recently in Copenhagen, I met a Bolshevik from Moscow and I asked him about the terror. "Most of us think now it was a mistake," he replied, calmly. "A fine time to discover your mistake," I replied, "after you have murdered between 25,000 and 50,000 people." It was in Copenhagen I made this bitter comment. In Moscow I should not have dared.

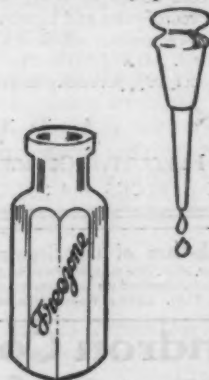
The spirit of the red terror was obvious in Russia from the moment of the original revolution. The soldiers who killed their officers, the sailors who drowned their commanders, were terrorists. On the third and fourth day of the original revolution I expected any moment to hear the mass-slaughter of the civilians had begun. But the situation flattened out, and, except for the usual isolated killings of property-owners by peasants, the amount of murder actuated by hatred in Russia was extraordinarily small during the spring and summer of 1917. It looked as if Russia might have something like permanent political freedom, and even the Jewish pogroms ceased.

The body which has been responsible for much of the red terror since the Revolutionary Tribunal was organized immediately after the Bolshevik revolution and was anything but terrorist to begin with. For one thing it was then in the hands of Russian workmen, and not dominated by international adventurers. I remember well its first trial. Countess Panin, a kindly little woman known to all Russia as a philanthropist, had had charge of the hospitals and orphans under Kerensky, and, following the Bolshevik *coup d'état*, refused to give her funds to the usurpers. I think the charge was high treason, but the charge was a mere matter of words. She had opposed the Bolsheviks; that was the real crime. The court, Petrograd workmen, a mixture of Slav ferocity and gentleness, listened sagely to the testimony, which, of course, was very biased, and decided to dismiss the little countess with public rebuke! The second trial was that of Pouriskkevitch, a violent monarchist and a fool. He was caught in some absurd monarchistic plot, and the evidence was good. The court sentenced him to four years' hard labor, and then, because he was sick, really because he was an ass, sent him on his way.

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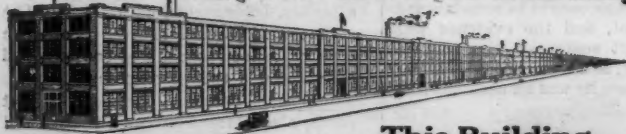
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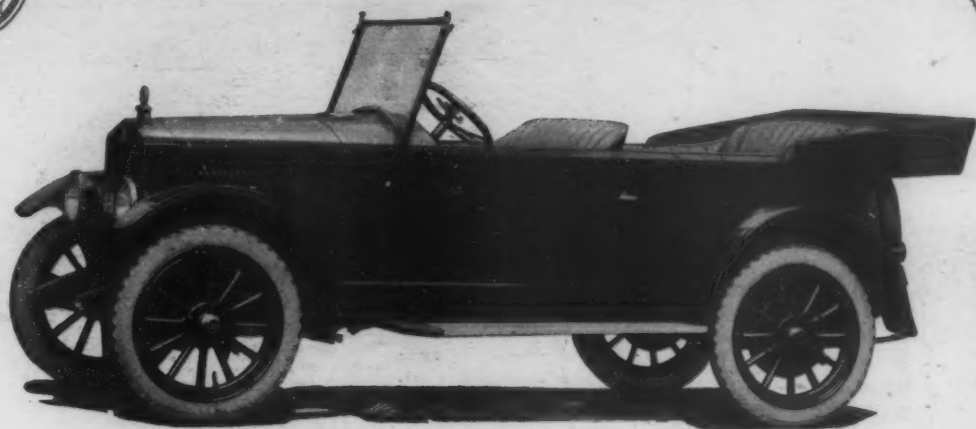
They soon put it in the hands of their obedient lieutenant, the little Ukrainian, Krylenko, the sublieutenant who was Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Army in the days when it demobilized itself and ignored his orders. He is president of the Revolutionary Tribunal yet. It is easy enough to get hiring soldiers, whether Letts or Chinamen, to execute your political enemies.

The real terror did not begin until after the signing of the treaty of Brest-Litovsk, long after, in fact. Up to that time the Bolsheviki had things their own way. The demand for peace in Russia, any kind of peace, shameful if necessary, was so strong among the uneducated Russian masses that counter-revolution had no chance. There was a Chouan movement that never died, and never has died, among the Cossacks, but it was powerless. And, if there was any shame in the mass of the Russian Army for deserting its Allies, Trotzky had plenty of sophistical words to prove that the only possible shame was to fight another day.

So it was only after Russia felt herself out of the war that opposition worth mentioning began menacing the doctrinaire leaders of the Bolsheviki, who had proved from the start their inability to organize anything constructive. Opposition to them everywhere throughout the country had never ceased, and to combat it they organized the Extraordinary Commission against Counter-revolution, Speculation, and Sabotage. With a government based on usurped power, influential only until it got the country out of war, and from that time on backed by a very small minority of the population, this Extraordinary Commission had an opportunity to do as it liked. It had no laws whatsoever to check it, and as soon as it had been in the exercise of its power a short time, it was no longer even bound by the Government.

During April and May, 1918, when the Extraordinary Commission began exercising its arbitrary power, I was in Sweden, but I returned to Russia in June and remained until September, the period during which the red terror developed into a concrete movement. Meanwhile Petrograd, not liking the moving of the central government to Moscow, thus depriving the Petrograd workmen of the power to which they had become used, had formed the Commune of the North, which pretended to govern northern Russia, but only succeeded in governing Petrograd with the terror inspired by its own Extraordinary Commission. Moscow had the chief Extraordinary Commission, which reached out its long arm into all parts of Russia not strong enough to combat it, but Petrograd maintained its independence of action.

When I left Petrograd two months previously the local government of Petrograd was in the hands of the Soviet, which governed badly but with a certain laziness only sporadically ferocious which made life possible for those who did not come directly under its displeasure. Its president, the Bolshevik Zinoviev, placed there by Lenin, was forever laying every ill at the door of the bourgeoisie and trying by every art of a mediocre demagog to induce the people to rise against the bourgeoisie, but he could not succeed. It took the single-handed power of Ouritzky, the adventurer, who became president of Petrograd's Extraordinary Commission, to give the



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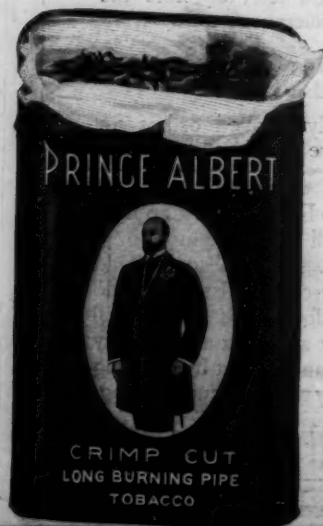
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bourgeoisie and all other enemies of the Bolsheviks, among them by this time most of the peasants, a due fear of the dictatorship of the proletariat. Ouritzky was himself a mere adventurer, who openly led a riotous life in Petrograd, made a great fortune himself by bribes and speculation, got most of it into foreign banks, but was shot before he got away. His more recent accumulations, 4,500,000 rubles, were discovered after his death in Petrograd, and nationalized solemnly by the Petrograd Soviet, but the Petrograd Soviet was unable to give back the lives of the "512 bourgeois hostages" who were shot in vengeance for his death.

The red terror really began with Ouritzky's death, that is to say, began on a scale that attracted foreign attention. But from the moment the Extraordinary Commission came into being several months previously it began exercising an arbitrary rule and terrorized every one who fell under its displeasure. It would be more correct to say the red terror began with the dictatorship of the proletariat, but that the mass-murders began only when the Bolsheviks felt their power threatened after the Fifth All-Russian Soviet at Moscow, July 5, when the fanatic little Maria Spiridonova made Lenine quail before her stinging words by saying that the Bolsheviks had failed, that the peasants were all against them, only a small portion of the workmen were with them, and that they were backed by the hooligans and the worst elements in the population. For that little Spiridonova has been in jail ever since, tho the charge against her is that she was in the plot that resulted in the murder of the German Ambassador Mirbach.

There was no regret for the murder of the 512 hostages who were shot to death to avenge Ouritzky, whose rascality was later discovered. They wanted to kill them as "boojay" (*bourgeois*) hostages, anyway, and "it made no difference, whether they killed them because Ouritzky, or Ouritzky's dog, had been killed."

Shortly afterward general murder was officially approved by governmental edict. To quote Mr. Dosch-Fleurot:

Then, in September, came the culminating act of the Bolshevik Government, the manifest of September, written by Carl Radek, the most terrible document of which the brain of man was ever guilty. I will not attempt to quote it, as I have not the manifest before me, but the gist of it was that every workman or peasant was immediately to kill, without parley, any one whom he suspected of counter-revolutionary tendencies. This threw down every bar, laid the way wide open to personal vengeance, plunder, and anarchy. The death and suffering that have occurred in Russia on account of this sweeping manifest pass all possibility of reckoning. It ended the last bit of justice between man and man in Russia. It turned loose anarchy in a situation filled with hate. It turned every man against his neighbor, made every house a fortress, and assured the deaths of tens of thousands of the only people who could possibly reconstruct Russia.

The Extraordinary Commission did its best to reduce the capable portion of the Russian population. It set about it systematically, even arresting people by occupations. The Russian engineers, for instance, are essential to the carrying on of that vast, scattered country, so the Bolsheviks began in September arresting them on any flimsy excuse and executing

them out of hand. There was little pretense of trial, the Tribunal under Krylenko, and the Extraordinary Commission, presided over during the worst of the terror by a little Lett fanatic named Peters, divided up the work of signing death warrants, and were only occasionally interrupted in the orderly procedure of their assassinations by persistent pleaders for mercy, but the automatic pistols worked in the cellars of the Lubianka and the other prisons of Russia without ceasing. There is no use trying to give figures. The actual deaths from the red terror must surpass all estimates. By one kind of terrorism or another, the deaths in Russia in the autumn of 1918 must have averaged a thousand a day. As the total deaths of the French Revolution from the fall of the Bastille to the beheading of Robespierre was only about ten thousand, the difference is noticeable. Except for the affair of the Conciergerie, there was also in France some pretense at trial. Nor was there anything to match the manifest of September, the product of Radek, the Austrian.

But violent death was not enough. Fifty to a hundred thousand victims even is only a fraction of ten millions. So the Bolsheviks had to think of a more general terror, and they decided to starve people to death. By trying to run a food-supply which they were incapable of organizing they had already practically starved the city populations of all classes, but now they set about finally to starve every one except actual workmen. They had long had a system of cards by which the city populations were divided into four groups. Category No. 1 contained only men who worked hard with their hands. Category No. 2 contained those who worked less hard. Category No. 3 contained the liberal professions. I, as writer, had cards of the third category. The fourth category contained all who had an income from property or invested money. The plan was, and is, to make the third and fourth categories die of starvation. They can not go to work with their hands, and thus get cards of first or second category. There is nothing for them to do, according to the plan, except to die. They are educated wrong, so they must die.

Of course, they did not all die off in a few days of starvation. They evaded the law, and peasants, who were also openly disobeying the law, risked being shot by the Red Guard and came into the cities with their produce. So they live on, somehow, many dying slowly and all with their vitality and chances of recuperation greatly reduced. They are forbidden to buy anything, and the Red Guards are in the markets to see that the purchasers have only cards of the first and second categories. But the simple Russian people are themselves not so cruel as the Bolsheviks who are trying to lead them, somehow it is arranged, tho with trouble. Since July 26 the fourth category has had only two herrings daily, and the third category was put on the same diet a few weeks later. I was supposed to be so nourished, but, in point of fact, I never ate a herring in Russia. I got food illegally. But, as the first category gets from fifty to one hundred grams of bread a day and the second category but twenty-five to fifty grams, there has not been much to choose between being a member of the *bourgeoisie* or of the proletariat. All have had to buy illegally or starve.

The terror is having a certain success. It is gradually killing off all the culture there was in Russia, and, if it could go on long enough, there would be simply an aggregation of villages, some at peace, others at

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war. The cities have steadily disintegrated, and, after a year in power, the Bolsheviks have not one constructive act to their credit. But they are still in power, late in November as I write, and while they remain in power the red terror will continue.

A GERMAN VIEW OF THE GERMAN FLEET'S LAST CRUISE

“UNDEFEATED,” but forced to surrender by a combination of circumstances fortunate for Great Britain “beyond her wildest dreams,” says the diary of a German naval officer, the German Fleet went on its last cruise, the end of which was internment in a British harbor. The entries were written, apparently, on the days when the great German tragedy was being acted out, and the view-point of the officer who writes is illuminating. A final touch is his surprise at the perfect discipline aboard the British ships where, according to reports that had been industriously circulated in the German Navy, the sailors were ready to raise the red flag and join their mutinous German brothers in a general revolution against official tyranny. Previous entries, dealing with the battle of Jutland, which the writer claims as a win for Germany on points, explain the insistence of the officer that the fleet went to its surrender “undefeated.” The passages below appeared originally in the *Tägliche Rundschau*, and were translated by the London *Times*, from which we quote:

Sunday, November 17.—Clouds of smoke and soot lie over the war-harbor. If one walks through the streets one arrives home quite black; the fleet is getting up steam. The Wilhelmshaven people are accustomed to this dirt. It was often so during the war when the fleet was suddenly going out for some undertaking or the enemy was reported out at sea by our aircraft and advance patrols. But to-day it is quite different; the High-Sea Fleet is beginning its last cruise—surrendering to the enemy! For four years I have shared victory and want with my crew, and I won't leave them in the lurch at the end. Going on board is hard. The red flag is still flying there, a sign of all that has collapsed in these last weeks. The crew is serious and quiet; most of them feel how great is the disgrace.

Monday, November 18.—In the Schillig Roads. Coming through the locks, we have hoisted our war-flag and pennant once more. Everybody on board has the feeling that it looks better and more dignified than the red flag. . . . The undefeated German Fleet is going out to meet the enemy who anxiously avoided it for four years, and says to him: “Here, take us; you have won the game only too brilliantly, and as you can not have imagined in your wildest dreams.” I wept, and I am not ashamed of it.

Tuesday, November 19.—Soon after noon we put to sea. Not racing ahead as before, but crawling slowly. We must save as much fuel as possible. The North Sea is seldom so calm at this time of year. No lookout for submarines now, and no manning of the guns. At night there is a bright stream of light from every ship, and I no longer have to gaze into the darkness trying to spy the enemy. . . . I can not stop asking myself how we have earned

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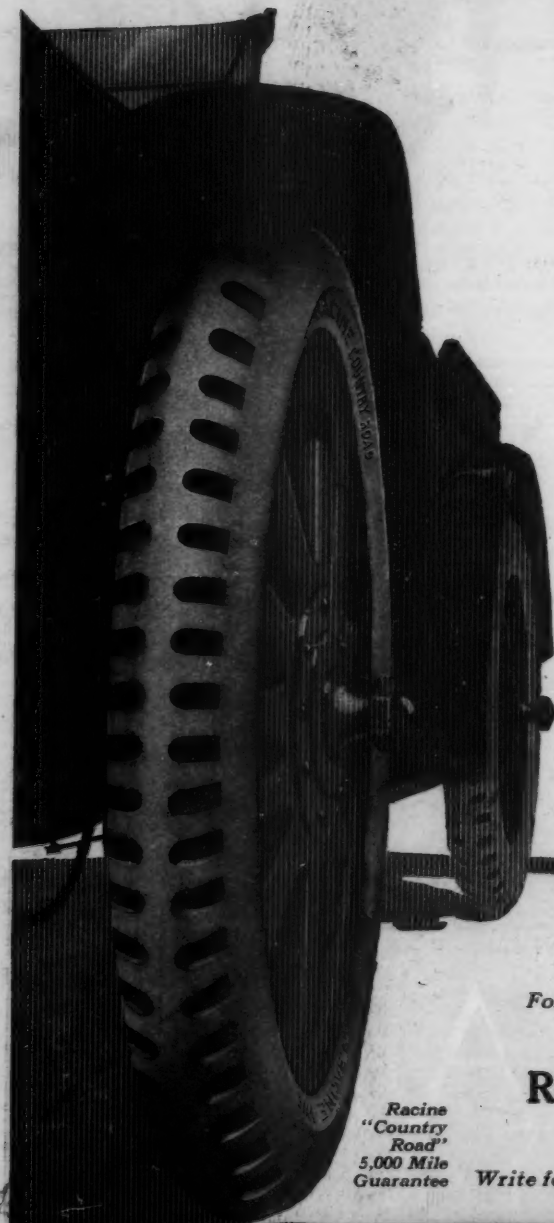
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Thursday, November 21.—On Wednesday morning one of our destroyers struck a mine and sank. Many are already lying down there, and many more will follow when the mine-sweeping begins again. At eight o'clock we are at the appointed place. The first English destroyer soon comes in sight. My heart beats furiously. If we still had our torpedoes on board I think that that destroyer would have blown it. So it is a good thing that we left every weapon behind. The destroyers surround us on every side; we are a procession of prisoners. Our large ships are arrayed in the same way by the English battle-ship and cruiser squadrons. The English stood at their battle-stations with masks on. They simply could not understand that we should surrender without a blow. The English ships are freshly painted. The men are in their best clothes. Everything is arranged to impress us. Slowly we proceed to our anchoring place in the Firth of Forth. Nothing to be seen of the land; typical English fog. Airmen circle round us, playing all sorts of games. One of them who intended to make a particularly bold movement falls straight into the sea. An airship also, wobbling clumsily, feels it necessary to show us—how well—our Zeppelins are.

Friday, November 22.—The search commission is on board. I speak with the English officers only to say what is absolutely necessary. With me they will have no occasion to disobey their strict order not to fraternize with the Germans. Apparently they are less concerned to discover whether we really have no ammunition and weapons on board than to spy out our equipment. They have little luck in this. All the things which they would so much have liked to see, and about which they constantly asked—instruments for measuring distance, electrical apparatus, and especially the "smoke" apparatus—stayed behind at Wilhelmshaven. So they can only observe that we have very pretty guns. For a long time they racked their brains about certain other parts of our armament, the use of which they do not understand. "Unhappily" I do not know enough English to explain. To-day my English is for the most part limited to "yes" and "no."

Sunday, November 24.—The German Fleet is being taken to Scapa Flow. There is no further question of our going to a neutral port. If it must be an English port I like Scapa Flow best, for up there there is at least no mob to laugh at us.

Monday, November 25.—Scapa Flow is a splendid harbor, well protected on all sides. The entrance is secured by nets and mine-barriers. On shore the huts of the natives are about as high as a good German dog's kennel. The English have been lying here for four years. That must have been pretty uncomfortable. It is all the stranger to see how little this naval base has been developed. There is only one miserable little dock, and a few small workshops: there is no pier for destroyers. . . . I am relieved by the order that only one officer and nineteen men are to remain on board every destroyer. So I must leave with most of the crew. Almost all those who stay behind have volunteered—partly out of affection for the destroyer, and partly because they hope not to return to Germany until conditions there are normal again.

Tuesday, December 2.—An English battle-

ship lies not far from us. We see the English sailors on board parading from nine to twelve. We did not do that even in times of deepest peace. Our men are astonished. Those, then, are the sailors who, as we were told, had turned back from an undertaking against Germany and had hoisted the red flag! . . . Tomorrow the German steamer will arrive which is to take us back to Wilhelmshaven.

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It was an evil hour when some intellectual giant in the Montana legislative assembly attempted to pass a bill for an act to punish the malefactor who shoots at one man and kills another. This is a serious reflection on the frontier reputation of the inhabitants of the Treasure State. We who prided ourselves on being the home of a horde of Dead-Eyed Dicks—our fair State which inspired writers to make Montana the scene of myriad dime novels, and nickel novels for that matter, to find it necessary to pass a law to regulate our bad marksmanship is humiliating in the extreme. Our reputation seeps away into thin air and we hang our head in the desperation of shame. Alas! for Montana—last of the vanishing frontier; wo unto us! Have not the architects of a thousand moving-picture plays sent their wastrel heroes of the East and impetuous second sons of England to Montana, where they win fame, fortune, and romance almost immediately and incidentally become "dead shots" overnight? What shall we say to them who believed that marksmanship was in the air in Montana? Tarnished is the glory that was Montana's; broken is the golden bowl of fame; ruined is the fair name of our community. The beans of romance have been spilled. It is true that there may be some of us who could not hit the side of a barn with a blunderbus, but we have held our guilty secret to ourselves. Comes now the legislative iconoclast with a clear admission of our years of four-flushing. Possibly next week it will be heralded to the world that Montana cowboys wear "Carhartt" overalls instead of shaps. Curses, curses, curses! What will Nevada think of us—and Arizona and New Mexico and Texas? What would Hamlin Garland say and Owen Wister and Maria Ellis Ryan? Such fakirs we have been, such four-flushers, such pilgrims, tenderfeet, and green-horns, that the assembly itself admits it. We must pass a law punishing the man who shoots at one person and kills another. Zounds! Shades of Bill Hart! The movie fan will laugh us to scorn. Little children in New Jersey will point at us the finger of scorn and derision. Mr. Speaker, I move you that the bill be killed in committee, and all record of the attempted atrocity be stricken from the record.



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HOW DRUGGISTS READ THE UN-READABLE

THE decipherment of illegible prescriptions is an art that flourishes among the pharmacists. One would think that a physician, dealing in drugs that may kill or cure, would be careful to write his prescriptions plainly, but this is too often not the case. The druggist has to guess; and the unfortunate patient is cured, or the reverse, by pharmaceutical speculation instead of by medical wisdom. It is even possible that in some cases the druggist's guess, reinforced by much practical knowledge of the subject-matter, may work out more satisfactorily than the actual prescription of a medical man untrained in orthography and chirography and possibly also in therapeutics. That there is a law, or at least a practice, which prevails in the decoding of these queer orders is the theory expounded by A. W. Bromley in a recent issue of *The British and Colonial Pharmacist*, and quoted in *The Druggists' Circular* (New York, February). Says Mr. Bromley:

"We do not read illegible prescriptions we guess their meaning, checking and correcting our guesses with the knowledge that the whole prescription is sane and coherent. Startling tho it may seem, the method is both sound and inevitable: an experienced pharmacist would at once realize that a guess, however probable it might at first seem from the appearance of a word, was wrong if it made the script as a whole absurd. Only when two drugs, similar in name, purpose, and dose, are possible is a wrong guess likely to occur (e.g., phenacetin and phenazone)."

In support of his theory, Mr. Bromley describes two pretended prescriptions which he devised as a practical test, submitting both to three persons for deciphering. One was a "genuine" prescription as regards ingredients and scientific accuracy, the element of mystery consisting entirely in its appearance. The hand-writing faults of several doctors were imitated, with a succession of uncrossed t's and undotted i's and the trick of running several Latin abbreviations together as one word added still further obscurity. The other pseudo-prescription was simply three Christian names, George, Harry, and William, badly written, employed in the place of the names of drugs, together with familiar pharmaceutical symbols:

"The whole thing was only half a success. I was disgusted to find that, with all its carefully collected artificial faults, the genuine prescription was read more easily than many which had merely the natural faults of a bad writer. The bogus prescription was given up as a meaningless scrawl. No part of it was read; but the result I had hoped for, that one of the three persons to whom it was shown would produce a complete (and wrong) translation, did not come off.

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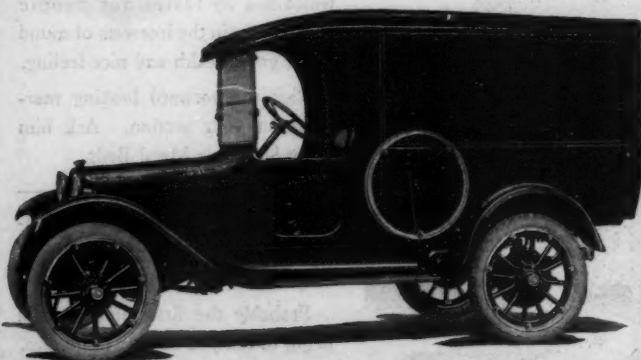
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much better written, but it proved undecipherable because the reader expected a sensible whole, and there was no such thing. One could make first guesses, but none of them could be confirmed. Yet one of the three words, 'George,' 'Harry' or 'William,' happened to be a part of man's signature it would be read at once.

"Here, then, is the only method, as I believe, of reading illegible prescriptions. Go through the whole and pick out the clues you can. Put them together, always with the reservation that some of your guesses may be wrong, and you will have a general idea of what the script is likely to be. Remember that the doctor, the handwriting, is probably a sound and quite ordinary prescriber, and I think where most often fail is in clinging too long to a guess that does not agree with later discoveries. . . .

"Here is an example showing how, by clinging too firmly to an idea, one may fail altogether to read a line. . . . The directions looked like, 'Apply on line.' That would not do, and the only moderately probable variants we could find were 'Apply on linen,' and 'Apply one time both, of course, too absurd to be accepted. A fresh man, coming on duty, was asked to read the directions, and he at once gave them correctly as 'Apply over liver.' What had we failed to read so simple and obvious a line? Simply because we clung to the idea that the second word was either 'on' or 'one.' Once having doubted that, 'over' would have occurred to us as one of the few possible alternatives; that would have led to parts of the body being considered for the third word, and we should have 'tumbled' as quickly as the man who, not being obsessed by the error, read it for us."

Mr. Bromley expresses his fear, however, that there is no golden rule for reading illegible prescriptions. Long and varied experience is useful, and a Latin vocabulary that has not grown rusty is a great help, but best of all is a brain capable of reasoning. But there is one practice of good pharmacists that he declares very helpful. It is this:

"Always copy first, and dispense from the original, not from your copy. There is some subtle difference in the mind's attitude when copying and when dispensing, and, strange though it sounds, I have at times had to copy scripts, leaving blanks, and the act of dispensing has in some inexplicable way made the mysteries clear. Moreover, the second reading is always a useful check upon the first, and generally leads to the detection of such misreadings as 'syrup' for 'syrup aromat.' So, if you cannot read a script, begin to copy it before you have mastered it, leaving gaps for the unread words. Your incomplete copy will help you to visualize the whole as it should be, and having got that, you are probably so near the correct rendering that it becomes obvious. Indeed, the most useful question to ask oneself in reading illegible prescriptions is, 'What ought to do?'"

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receipt. It will be recalled that, according to the story, a man who had paid a fee to a lawyer was unable to read a word of the receipt he had taken. Knowing that his friend the druggist was good at deciphering obscure chirography, he handed him the receipt to read. The druggist disappeared behind the prescription-case and in a few minutes returned with a bottle of medicine he had compounded and told his friend that the price of the prescription was seventy-five cents."

THE "MIRACLE" OF THE SERVICE-STAR

Numerous tales have appeared in the daily papers of instances where the blue stars on service-pins had turned to yellow or gold, and particularly of occasions when this phenomenon occurred about the time when the soldier in whose honor it was worn had been killed in Europe. These stories, we are told in *The Jewelers' Circular* (New York, January 22), have caused a large number of people to write to that journal to find out whether there is anything in the chemical composition of the enamel coloring of these pins that would cause a change in hue under any circumstances. It says:

"Tho it is very seldom that we receive a request for information on which we will not gladly spend time, trouble, and even money to obtain what the inquirer wants, sometimes spending weeks and, if necessary, months of work in research before the question is satisfactorily answered, nevertheless to these questions we feel we must refuse to try to answer or even suggest a hypothesis on which an explanation could be based.

"When the stories first appeared we naturally supposed them to be the product of the imagination of enterprising news correspondents, particularly as names, dates, and localities were conspicuously absent, but later the apparent phenomena were vouched for by people whose names and addresses were given, and in a copy of the *New York Tribune* not long ago appeared a letter from Mrs. Annie Kilburn Kilmer, mother of the well-known poet, magazine writer, and journalist, Sergeant Joyce Kilmer, who recited an instance of the changing of the color of the service-star as clear in detail but as strange as any that had been previously ascribed to the imagination of correspondents. *The Tribune* had published some other letters of mothers of soldiers telling of similar incidents, and Mrs. Kilmer was emboldened to tell her own experience in the following language:

"Before my son, the late Sergeant Joyce Kilmer, sailed for France, he gave me a little gold service-flag—red border, white enamel, and blue star—and I always wore it, and shall always wear it.

"He was killed in action July 30. I was in Litchfield, Conn., when the news reached me, in August, and I said to my husband: 'I shall always wear the little service-flag he gave me, but I'll pin it on a bow of black ribbon.' While I was doing so, to my great astonishment I saw the blue star had changed to gold!

"There is no chipping of the enamel. It simply turned to gold, just as it is to-day.

I have shown it to many, and none can explain it. Many jewelers have seen it and they offer no solution.

"I have not made it public before, but I thought I must when I read the account in this morning's *Tribune*. I have no doubt it changed when he died—it certainly did so when I looked at it closely two days after I received the notice of his death.

"(Signed) ANNIE KILBURN KILMER."

"It was this letter more than any other that has prompted jewelers and others who take no stock in the supernatural to write and ask for an explanation for the change based on the chemical conditions surrounding the enamel used, most of the inquiries considering that the fact that the time of the change was about that of the date of the death of Sergeant Kilmer as purely a coincidence.

"As before stated, we can not answer the question, which is one we leave to the enamelers, chemists, or students of color effects to discuss, but if any of our readers have been making investigation and can supply an explanation we will be glad to give space to the subject in a future issue."

In a letter written to THE LITERARY DIGEST from Berkeley, Cal., Miss I. M. Adams offers the following theory of this change in the service-pin:

"The little blue-enamelled star is bordered with a thread of gold and underneath is a gold base. The enamel is very shallow and in some way might become loosened and fall out, thus leaving an entire gold surface. As the depression where the enamel was is slight, it might appear to the casual observer as tho the surface was undisturbed. This might have happened to Mrs. Kilmer's pin some time before her son's death, but was not noticed by her until she took the pin to fasten to the bit of black."

LOSS OF MEMORY AS A MILITARY CONVENIENCE

"WHERE am I? Who am I?" These questions from an American soldier in France who had overstayed his leave formerly induced a quick diagnosis of amnesia, or loss of memory, from the examining surgeon, attended with a slate wiped clean of all contributory offenses. But when the increase of "amnesia" among native American military men began to look alarming, the medical authorities "smelt a rat," and redoubled vigilance developed the fact that a short stay in the guard-house was a wonderful therapeutic measure. Maj. George E. Price and Lieut. William B. Terhune, United States Army surgeons in France, discuss this hitherto unnoticed feature of Franco-American military life in an article on "Feigned Amnesia as a Defense Reaction," contributed to *The Journal of the American Medical Association* (Chicago, February 22). To quote and condense:

"The examination of soldiers under arrest at the office of the provost marshal of Paris has revealed a number of individuals feigning loss of memory for the purpose of escaping punishment. This form of malingering was employed as a last resort when the culprits were without other excuse. The charge, under which they were held was in every instance that



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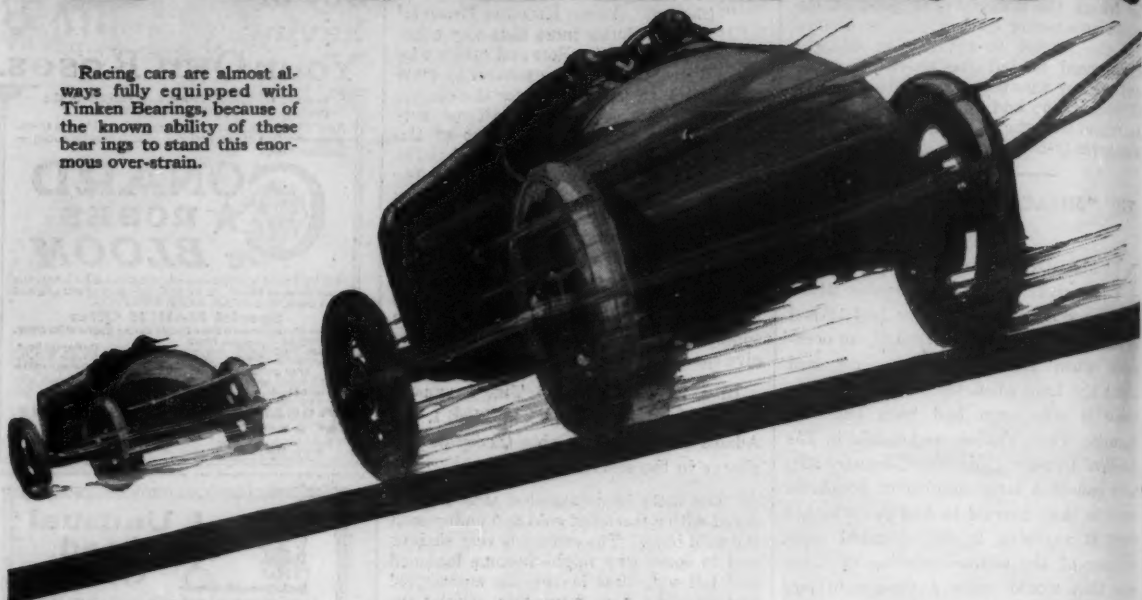
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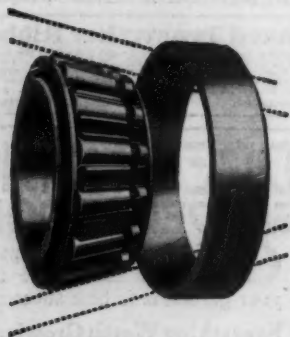


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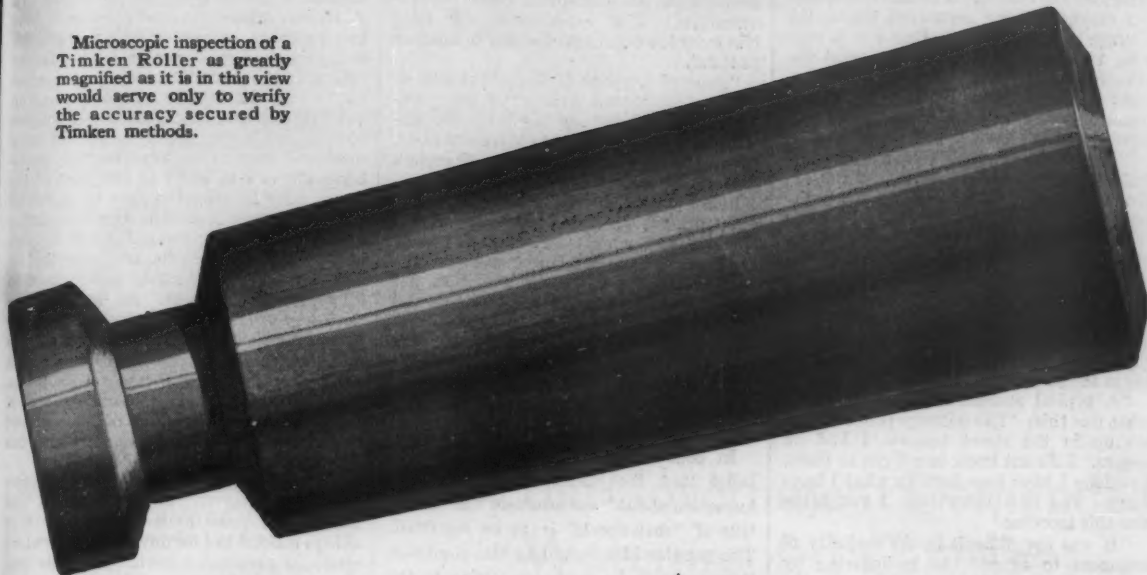
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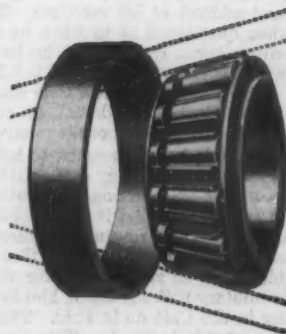
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of being absent from their unit without permission, and in no case was amnesia alleged to escape duty at the front.

"It was interesting to note that all of these men were native Americans. None presented any evidence of mental deficiency, the majority being somewhat above the average of intelligence. One was a captain, two were first lieutenants, and the others were privates. Such civil occupations were represented as machinist, newspaper reporter, court stenographer, telegrapher, and student.

"The condition observed was characterized by an alleged absolute blank in the continuity of memory, corresponding to the period of time during which the individual thought it necessary to be excused from his actions. This period varied according to the astuteness of the soldier. Some deemed it wise to remember nothing of their past life, others limited it to incidents occurring during the past few years, while the majority claimed an amnesia corresponding to the period of their misdemeanor.

"A typical statement would be somewhat like this: 'The military police picked me up in the street because I had no papers. I do not know how I got to Paris, how long I have been here, or what I have done. The first thing that I remember was this morning.'

"It was not difficult in the majority of instances to expose the malingering by noting the inconsistency existing in the patient's statements. One man stated that he did not know the name of the boat on which he crossed the ocean, but later he said the boat had been torpedoed recently. When asked how he knew this he said he had read it in the papers. Another individual said that for the past few weeks he had been unable to recall any facts connected with his past life, including the name and address of his relatives. This man when questioned as to when he had last written home replied that he had a nurse write his sister while he was in a hospital. This was written at a time during which he had just claimed that he could not remember the address of his relatives.

"The Café de la Paix seemed to hold a peculiar attraction for many of the patients brought up for examination. To such an extent was this true that it made a bright spot in a long day of routine examinations to have a soldier solemnly affirm that the first thing that he remembered for weeks was the military police grasping him by the shoulder in the Café de la Paix. The explanation of this is simple. This popular resort, dear to the heart of the American soldier in France, is situated at the intersection of the grand boulevards of Paris, and is therefore the most central point in the city. Around this place the military police drew their net in the search for men absent without leave, and consequently here many of the men examined were arrested.

"The mechanism of this reaction is easily understood, provided one has some knowledge of the psychology of the American soldier. A soldier, tiring of his routine life, leaves his organization without permission, in search of a few days' recreation. Many of them do this without being detected; but some are not so fortunate, and find themselves under arrest and called on to explain their actions. They know that they have no excuse; and having recently read about men losing

their memory from 'shell-shock,' they quickly seize on that as a means of escape, feeling that the less they say in their present predicament the better it will be.

"The soldier realizes that when he returns home his family may require from him an explanation for his arrest while in the Army, and what better excuse can he have than that mysterious and strange malady of shell-shock, so well known to his people from the description in the popular literature? This explanation will raise him from the depths of disgrace to a hero's pedestal.

"Feigned amnesia is important not so much of itself, but because of the possibility of its being confused by the uninitiated with certain forms of true amnesia, such as those seen in hysteria and certain confusional states.

"The chief conditions that must be differentiated from feigned amnesia are hysteria and simple confusion from exhaustion. The men feigning amnesia were alert and keen, and their attention was excellent, in marked contrast to the mental state of the hysteric. A careful study of the patient's story of exhaustion, together with his irritability, slight disorientation, and other symptoms of mental and physical exhaustion, form a basis for the differentiation."

In conclusion, the writers state their belief that the dissemination of misinformation about "war-neuroses" under the title of "shell-shock" is to be regretted. The popular idea regarding this condition they assert to be erroneous, owing to the premature and inaccurate descriptions published. This has been responsible for a larger incidence of the disease in the Army than is justified, and has also enabled men to seize on it as an excuse for misdemeanors.

HOW THE CONVOY SYSTEM "FENCED OFF" MOVING AREAS OF SEA

WITH losses smaller than occur in ordinary railway traffic in this country, 2,000,000 American soldiers were sent overseas, trusting for safety to one of the great maritime developments of the war, "the convoy system." In a general way, most newspaper readers knew what the convoy system was, and how it worked; but, says a writer in *The Marine Review* (Cleveland), on account of the strict secrecy observed during the war, only the most meager facts were allowed to reach the public, and "it is now possible, for the first time, to present certain facts regarding this maritime development" which so successfully "baffled von Tirpitz and his jolly crews of buccaneers."

The convoy system, says the writer, was the direct result of English experience in transporting troops across the Channel. He describes this method of "fencing off" a portion of the high seas:

"The British found that by using nets and a screen of destroyers and patrol-boats it was possible to fence off a portion of the waters of the English Channel from the submarines, with the result that this limited area of the high seas was practically as safe for ordinary navigation as in times of peace. In an intensely practical way this meant that the freedom of the seas was

secured within the protected area. In bringing about this condition, the destroyers and patrol-boats were by far the most important factors. It was the organization of their efforts, coupled with the invention of the depth bomb, that brought such huge success to the channel operations.

"The application of the convoy system to the transportation of troops across the high seas was the invention of Admiral Jellicoe, of the British Navy, according to a statement made by our own Admiral Sims in London on November 12, the day after the armistice was signed. The fundamental idea, it is understood, was suggested to Admiral Jellicoe by the operations in the British Channel. Learning the success of this work, he conceived the idea of using destroyer screens to form moving parallelograms of free water in any part of the ocean. By keeping the fleet of convoyed merchant vessels within the boundaries of these artificially created parallelograms as they moved across the sea, protected by the destroyers, their safety was assured to all practical purposes. As long as the destroyer screen was effective, the parallelograms marked out by the convoys were to all intents and purposes as harmless as a harbor enclosed by a strong net, or boom. Thus by making small moving sections of the ocean safe, the freedom of the seas and of navigation was assured against vigorous attacks of the disciples of 'Der Tag.'

"The destroyer screens were effective because, owing to the great speed and mobility of these little boats, they were able to make it hot for any submarine which made its presence known. For this purpose the destroyers used gun-fire, torpedoes, and depth charges. The last were by far the most effective. In actual practice, the protected parallelogram enclosing a convoy of fifteen vessels is about two miles wide and five miles long. To an ordinary observer, even with four destroyers on a side and one at each end, there appear to be plenty of wide gaps in the protecting screen, sufficient, it would seem, to torpedo half the convoy. In actual practice, however, it was impossible for the submarine to obtain any such results.

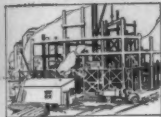
"In the first place, every vessel in the convoy pursued its individual zigzag course, which meant that the relative positions of the vessels in the fleet were slightly but constantly changing. The zig-zagging is accomplished by changing the course about a point to starboard or port, as the case may be, every five minutes or so. Slight tho this zigzagging was, it was confusing to the submarine commander. Therefore, if he did get a shot at any of the ships in a convoy there was a fair chance it would be a miss, and the submarines soon found out that altho they were by no means sure of getting the merchant ship, the protecting destroyers who rushed up to the scene with their depth bombs were almost certain to get the submarine. Attacking strong convoys, therefore, was almost the same as courting certain death. As a result submarine became a much less attractive occupation to ambitious young Germans with murderous proclivities than it was during the early stages of the war when the merchant ships were nothing more than helpless sheep led to slaughter. The convoy screen was effective because the submarine which showed itself anywhere in the vicinity was very likely never to report in Wilhelmshaven again."

The popular idea that the seas were "swarming with submarines" was a misconception, the writer points out, as can



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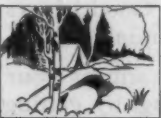
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demonstrated with scientific accuracy dividing the number of submarines ordered by the Germans in November by the number of square miles in the North Atlantic Ocean. The convoy system had a great advantage in that it acted as a "submarine magnet." In other words, the submarines had to go to the convoys to do any sinking, instead of simply lying in wait for single merchantmen; and the convoys were prepared for attack as the single merchantmen could be. The writer follows one of these convoys as it starts on its way:

"As the ships left their moorings around New York, one by one, they dropt down the bay and anchored inside the nets off Long Island. Here the fleet assembled. Sometimes a boat would be held at this anchorage for several days. The average stay was about twenty-four hours. The ships usually sailed out about sundown in great fleets of from fifty to sixty vessels. These sights, to those who were privileged to witness them, were impressive in the extreme.

"Painted ships on a painted ocean, their weird camouflage markings splashing in the golden rays of the American sunset, the great fleets of transports and cargo-ships set forth. During the night they split up into a number of separate convoys for various destinations, or for the same destination, sailing different routes. The convoys usually included about fifteen vessels, and an effort was made as far as possible to group ships of approximately equal speed.

"The ships lined up, three or four abreast, in column formation about a half a mile apart. This formation was rigidly maintained all the way across. Precise, accurate navigation, especially at night and in a fog, was required, and in spite of the fact that no lights were allowed, the early morning passenger on deck was unable to discover any change whatever, during the night, in the relative positions of the vessels making up the convoy. The maintenance of proper courses and distances during the night was aided by faint blue lights which were carried on the taffrails of some of the vessels in the fleet. These lights were visible only directly astern. When necessary, even these could be switched out.

"The speed of the convoys naturally was slow, owing to the long courses taken, the zigzagging, and the necessity for keeping together. The latter condition compelled the faster ships to check down to the speed of the slowest boat of the fleet. The so-called fast convoys were from twelve to fourteen days en route; other voyages took as many as twenty days. The turn-arounds, therefore, were very slow—unavoidably so—and this increased the already serious shortage of tonnage, with the result that shipping controllers on both sides of the Atlantic sprouted gray hairs rapidly.

"On account of heavy seas, fogs, engine trouble, or other causes, certain ships in the convoys sometimes became separated from their companions. In such cases, one of the destroyers usually stood by until the fleet was reassembled.

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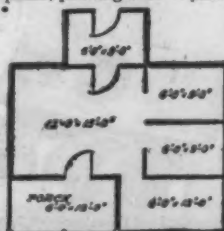
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eight to ten destroyers. These guardians of the merchantmen then stay with their charges right up to the Liverpool bar or into whatever British or French harbor the fleet might be sailing. The junction between the convoy and the group of protecting destroyers was known as a rendezvous. Sometimes the fleet commander was given orders for a certain rendezvous at a certain time, before he left New York. On other occasions the time and place of rendezvous were communicated to him by wireless during the voyage. The problem was not only to avoid submarines, but to get the ships to the rendezvous on time. It was a combat of wits between the operating officers and the submarine commanders. Usually the submarines were on the losing side."

Nets were used with good effect in the shoal waters on either side, but these were not made of heavy wire rope, as many people imagine, nor were they merely anchored and arranged to catch and hold the submarine. They served rather as submarine alarms than as traps, and the construction was modified accordingly, as the writer explains:

"The nets were made of fine wire cable not much over one-eighth inch in diameter. Unusually flexible cables were provided and the nets were made up in sections about 120 feet long and 35 feet wide. The mesh was 12 feet square, big enough to drive an automobile through, with plenty of clearance. The top edge of the nets was supported by ordinary fishermen's floats and the bottom hung with lead weights of the same type. The various sections or units were provided with coupling devices so that continuous nets of any length and depth could be quickly assembled, and as easily disassembled.

"The methods of manufacturing these nets were so greatly improved during the war that the cost per section was reduced from about \$150 to approximately \$30.

"The nets were strung out where the submarines were in the habit of operating in much the same manner as gill-nets are laid out by salmon fishermen. In fact the submarine nets were nothing more than enlarged gill-nets, the fish in this case being the German pirates. The nets were not anchored, but were attended by drifters or trawlers. The 85-foot and the 110-foot submarine chasers also were used for net patrol work in large numbers. When a submarine came along where a net was located, he poked through the mesh which immediately caught on the conning-tower or some other projection. The floats, of course, began promptly to move off at a speed of eight to twelve knots, while at the same time the net formed a pocket and wrapt itself gracefully around the submarine. The net was so light that usually it did not impede the operations of the submarine in any way, and frequently the first intimation the commander of the undersea boat received that his presence was known came in the form of an accurately placed depth charge which blew him and his craft to kingdom come. It was a very simple matter, of course, for the net patrol boat to drop the charge accurately, since the floats indicated the position of the submarine precisely, as well as revealing its course and speed. Sometimes the submarine commander discovered he was in

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Common Effect.—Flattery is a sort of moral peroxide—it turns many a woman's head.—*Boston Transcript*.

That Protracted Peace Meeting.—They're calling them "The Allied Pow-wow-ers," now.—*The Passing Show*.

Specifications.—"But, Mabel, on what grounds does your father object to me?" "On any grounds within a mile of our house."—*Houston Post*.

Live vs. Let Live.—"Do you think your poems will live after you are dead?" "Can't say. I wish they'd let me live while I'm alive."—*Boston Transcript*.

Political Cavalry.—Every now and then it is said of one statesman or another that he is riding for a fall. Presumably the fall of 1920.—*Philadelphia Public Ledger*.

When News Is Not News.—The Supreme Court has held that news is property. Some of it is, and then some is "improvements thereon."—*Manila Bulletin*.

The War at Home.—"Why do they call orders they serve war-portion?" "Because they give a man only a fighting chance of getting a meal."—*Baltimore American*.

Then They Canned Him.—CUSTOMER—"Where will I find the candelabra?" NEW FLOORMAN—"All canned goods are in the grocery department on the fourth floor."—*Judge*.

Beating Father to It.—"What did your little ones say when you told them there is no Santa Claus?" "They asked me if I was just finding it out."—*Washington Star*.

Getting Together.—A Kingston youth named Beer was arrested last week for breaking into a public-house. The magistrate decided that the proper place for him was the jug.—*London Punch*.

Slight Effort Needed.—They say the French girls are better listeners than American girls. We don't believe it. The girls we know could listen as well as anybody if they would only try.—*Houston Post*.

The Brute.—WIFE (complainingly)—"You used to say before we were married that I was a dream." HUB—"You were. A dream is something that one wakes up from and discovers that it wasn't so."—*Boston Transcript*.

Invidious Distinction.—A colored sentinel challenged another colored soldier who seemed to be carrying something inside the lines.

"Who goes there?" he asked. "Lieutenant with a jug o' gin," was the answer. "Pass, Lieutenant! Halt, gin!" commanded the sentry.—*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

Regular Rates.—HUSBAND—"You never kiss me except when you want money." WIFE—"Well, isn't that often enough?"—*Til-Bits*.

With a Lot of Sinking Funds.—The trouble is that the world pool of war-debts might change into a whirlpool.—*Louisville Evening Post*.

Looking Forward.—The hotel with 2,200 rooms which has just been opened in New York has obviously been designed for the next Peace Conference.—*The Passing Show*.

Controlling Him for His Own Good.—"What kind of a woman is his wife, Amanda?" "I think she is what you call a mandator."—*Baltimore American*.

Another Libel.—"What's the disturbance in the market-place?" "It's a mass-meeting of the women who've changed their minds since the morning and want to alter their voting papers."—*Punch*.

The Law and the Poets.—CALLER—"This poem was written by a lawyer. Has it any value?"

EDITOR (glancing through it)—"About as much value as a legal opinion written by a poet."—*Boston Transcript*.

Pleasant Contrast.—"Mike." "Phwat?" "I was just thinkin'. After we get out of the trenches an' back home again how nice an' peaceful that old boiler-factory will sound to us."—*Successful Farming*.

Why Editors Drink the Ink.—We wish to apologize to Mrs. Orville Overholt. In our paper last week we had as a heading, "Mrs. Overholt's Big Feet." The word we had ought to have used is a French word, pronounced the same way, but spelled fête. It means a celebration and is considered a very tony word.—*Williamsville (N. D.) Item*.

Income Tax Tips

(All replies to questions in this column given free of tax.)

PUZZLED.—Don't be bluffed. Simply put all extra leaves in dining-room table, grasp tax return firmly with both hands, and throw it flat on its back. When you have it down brand it on first page with hot ink.

C. H.—Yes, algebra may be used in figuring your return. Personally we employ trigonometry, altho many prefer calculus and a couple of lawyers.

TAXPAYER.—Your problem is as clear as a Chinese laundry-ticket. Simply deduct the net profit of losses (plus inventories at end of year) and add income from salaries, wages, bonuses, director's fees, and pensions. Nothing to it!

J. J. C.—Refer to Table 113 on Page 11, Section 28, Part IV of return. Then if Item 86, Schedule V, line 7, exceeds the sum stated in Item 21, Page 9, Schedule Z, get another blank form.

CONFUSED.—No, you should have figured the amounts in Items 34, 60, and 69 as net losses from Wear and Tear. Obsolescence and Depletion Charged Off (see K (2) on Page 8 of Instructions) before entering total in Item 94, Schedule O. It's perfectly simple.

L. F.—Don't worry about your 1919 tax. You may not have any income.—*Brooklyn Eagle*.

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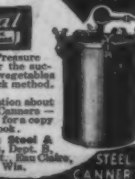
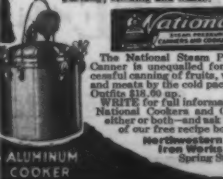
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CURRENT EVENTS

PEACE PRELIMINARIES

March 5.—At a meeting of the German Cabinet, attended by party leaders and delegates of ship-owners, says a dispatch from Zurich, it was unanimously agreed that Germany would not submit to coercion by the Entente Powers, "either in the armistice negotiations or in the peace *pourparlers*." A peace campaign has been started throughout Germany, adds this dispatch, against the armistice and peace conditions.

March 6.—British delegates to the Peace Conference have been instructed to submit as their first demand full reparation for British losses at sea during the war, including compensation for relatives of mariners who lost their lives, announces Premier Lloyd George to a deputation of sailors.

Italy is warned by the American Government that unless she puts an end to the delays in movements of relief-supplies to the newly established Jugo-Slavic and Czecho-Slavic states, steps will be taken to cut off American foodstuffs from Italy, reports Washington.

The specter of famine in Germany is stalking about in Paris, says a dispatch from the latter city. As a result the French attitude is said to be changing in favor of a speedy peace with Germany.

American leaders of the Irish movement for Home Rule plan to send a committee from the United States to plead the Irish cause before the Peace Conference in Paris, according to a report given out by members of the Committee of the Irish Race Convention.

Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri, and Senator Charles S. Thomas, of Colorado, vigorously attack the League of Nations at a meeting in New York City.

March 7.—Armistice negotiations between the German and Allied representatives at Spa are broken off on the refusal of the Germans to surrender their merchant fleet unless definite promise of food is given. Washington reports that forcible seizure of the German vessels by the Allies may ensue.

The Powers have agreed to divide the surrendered German war-ships, but the United States and Great Britain are in accord regarding the necessity for sinking their respective shares, according to the London *Daily Mail*.

It is stated on the authority of an official connected with the Peace Conference Commission on Reparation, reports Paris, that the total reparatory damages to be assessed against Germany will be \$40,000,000,000.

If the Irish question is not settled by the Peace Conference, friends of Ireland will stop ratification of the League of Nations in the American Congress, John O'Kelly, delegate of the provisional Irish Republic to the Peace Conference, declares in a statement issued in Paris.

The Albanian Delegation to the Peace Conference, after a hearing by the commission dealing with Greek questions, proposes through Premier Clemenceau that, in event its claims are not admitted by the Supreme Council, a mandate be given to the United States to occupy and administer for one year the territories claimed by the Albanians.

March 8.—The Supreme Allied Council decides to resume negotiations with the Germans at some other place in Belgium than Spa, where they were broken off on March 6. A method has been agreed on to assure the delivery of German merchant ships to the Allies and to furnish Germany with food to be paid for by credits and foreign securities held in Germany.

The American delegation, says a dispatch from Paris, has decided to leave to the Allies the punishment of the authors of the war.



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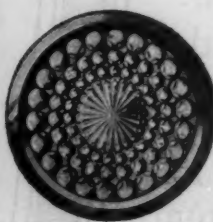
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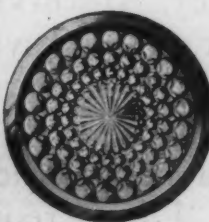
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The Supreme Council directs that the food blockade enforced by Italy against the Jugo-Slavs be raised at once. The Peace Conference Commission on Belgian claims, it is reported from Paris, has agreed in principle to the Belgian demand for the Prussian town of Malmédy and surrounding Prussian territory.

Claims filed by American citizens against Germany and Austria-Hungary total about \$750,000,000, according to an announcement by the State Department and additional claims are expected.

March 9.—Under the Supreme Allied Council's plan to regulate the size of the German Army, states Stephen Piehon, French Foreign Minister, conscription is abandoned in favor of a small professional force. Germany will be provided with 300,000 tons of food a month under the plan formulated by the Council.

Suggestions for amending the League of Nations charter will be framed in London this week, says a report from that city, at a meeting of the Society to Enforce Peace.

The Austrian peace terms will be taken up by the Supreme Allied Council at Paris, says a French report, as soon as the preliminary treaty with Germany has been framed.

March 10.—Amendments to the draft of the League of Nations plan suggested by ex-President Taft are receiving the close study of the various delegations, says a report from Paris, and "the understanding prevails that the suggestions made by Mr. Taft might be adopted if assurance could be had that the reopening of the whole subject would not be involved."

The Supreme Council, reports Paris, has unanimously agreed that Germany's military force shall be limited to 100,000 volunteers serving twelve years.

March 11.—The Peace Conference has nearly completed its work, says the London *Evening News*, giving recent advice of Premier Lloyd George as the authority. The Peace Treaty will be signed before the end of March, according to this journal, with the signature of the League covenant to come later.

It has become known, says a report from Paris, that Pope Benedict has addressed an appeal to the Powers emphasizing the urgency of the speedy conclusion of a peace with Germany "which will not humiliate the German people."

The Supreme Council adopts a provision for the reduction of the German military establishment to 100,000 men with 4,000 officers. The personnel of the German Naval Fleet is to be reduced to 15,000, according to the same Paris report.

General opposition to the proposed League of Nations is reflected in recent German newspaper comment received by the State Department, says a dispatch from Washington. The League is planned to give the United States and Great Britain domination over the world, according to most of these German authorities.

THE CENTRAL POWERS

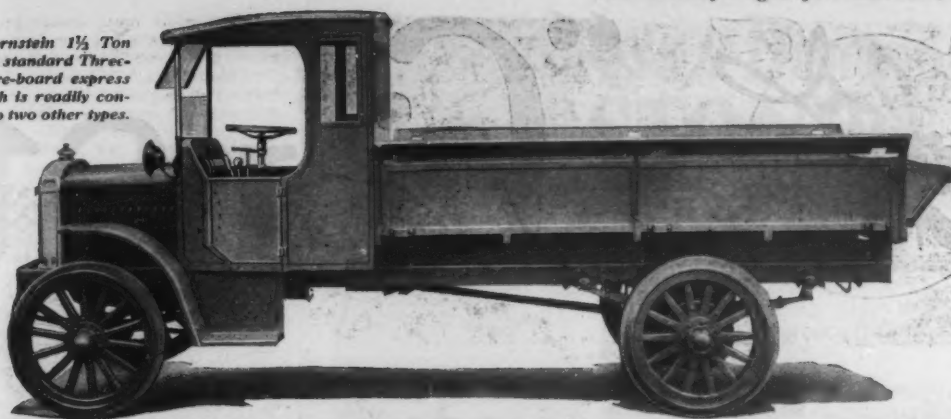
March 5.—The Spartacides have inaugurated a movement to seize Königsberg in East Prussia, says a report from Berlin, in order to open a route of communication to Moscow so that Bolshevik armies from Russia may move to the assistance of the Spartacide forces.

The first reading of the new German constitution was concluded on March 4, says a dispatch from Weimar.

Government troops to the number of 28,000 have gathered in Berlin, according to dispatches received from that city, to be prepared for the growing Spartacide menace.

March 6.—Anti-American riots in Berlin

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says a dispatch from Coblenz, have put an end to the fraternization of Germans and Americans in the sector now guarded by the American Army. Considerable artillery fighting is reported in the vicinity of police headquarters in Berlin. An attempt by the Spartacists to storm the headquarters on March 5 is said to have been repulsed. The German Government has yielded to the demand of the Radicals that Soviet features be incorporated in the constitution now being framed, according to Berlin dispatches, but the Independent Socialists are demanding out-and-out Soviet rule or a proletarian dictatorship.

March 7.—All the important buildings in Berlin are now in the hands of Government troops, according to a Government wireless received in London. The number of dead and wounded in the recent riots is said to exceed 400.

The American Mission, which is in Berlin to look after the welfare of prisoners, entrenched itself in the Hotel Adlon behind a battery of machine guns during the attack of March 6, which resulted in the capture of the main telegraph office by Spartacan forces, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Berlin. Members of the American Red-Cross Commission also were endangered by the shooting. The battle, the dispatch adds, was the worst Berlin has yet seen.

March 8.—German Government troops have suppressed the armed revolt in Berlin, according to a dispatch from that city, via Basel, Switzerland, and are now assigned to the task of protecting workmen who wish to return to their labors. Gas and airplanes were used in the attack on the strikers, according to the *German Gazette*, of Berlin. The general strike in Berlin is called off, says a dispatch from that city. The Government has granted the major part of the political demands of the strikers.

March 9.—Field-Marshal von Hindenburg is planning to use volunteer units in a drive against the Bolsheviki with Libau as his base of operations, it is indicated by information which has reached American intelligence officers, says a dispatch from Coblenz.

March 10.—Murders, fighting, and plundering continued throughout Sunday, March 9, in various parts of Berlin, says a dispatch from that city. Many Spartacides, made prisoners in the forenoon, were summarily executed in the afternoon, following Secretary of Military Affairs Noske's order that, "any person found fighting against the Government with arms in his hands will be shot immediately." Several hundred summary executions are reported from the Spartacan side. Total losses in the recent riots amount to \$37,500,000, and the total casualties are estimated by the semiofficial Wolff Bureau at 1,000.

Work is resumed throughout the greater part of Berlin, says a report from London, following the arrival of President Ebert and Secretary Landsberg from Weimar.

March 11.—German troops have captured the towns of Laiden and Schruden, northeast of Libau, according to reports received in Berlin. The Bolsheviki were driven back with heavy losses. Fighting is still going on in Berlin with great fury, according to undated reports received in Copenhagen from the German capital. There is said to be special activity in the northern and northeastern sections of Berlin, where both men and women are fighting with "unexampled cruelty," and the government troops are said to be killing all prisoners who fall into their hands.

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It is reported from Basel that the former German Emperor has complained against the climate in Holland and requested the German Armistice Commission to secure from the Allies permission for him to go to a warmer climate, like the Riviera or Egypt, for his health.

AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA AND POLAND

March 5.—The National Council of Women of France and the Union of Russian Women in Switzerland petition Premier Clemenceau, as President of the Peace Conference, to interfere in the socialization by the Bolsheviks of all women between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five years.

The Soviet Government of Russia hopes to arrange a large loan in America according to Petrograd advices received in Stockholm, and is prepared to offer in exchange important mining and railroad concessions.

Bolshevik forces launched an artillery-attack, after artillery-preparation, on March 3, against the Allied positions on the banks of the Vaga River, says a dispatch from Archangel. They were repulsed with considerable loss.

March 7.—German troops on the Baltic coast have severely defeated the Bolsheviks and have recaptured Riga, according to a report received by the London Daily Telegraph.

Bolshevik artillery continues its activity on the Vaga and Dvina fronts, says a report from Archangel. Headquarters' reports indicate that the Bolshevik forces on the Vaga front comprise about 4,000 men, with considerable artillery.

During the months of December and January nearly 100,000 persons in the city of Petrograd died from hunger and as the result of epidemics, according to official statements as reported by Swiss refugees arriving in Bern.

Fighting is still going on around Lemberg, between the Poles and the Ukrainians, say dispatches from that city. A renewed bombardment of the city by the Ukrainians is said to have resulted in considerable loss of life and damage to public buildings and works of art.

The American Ambassador to Russia, David R. Francis, testifying before the Overman Investigating Committee at Washington, declares Russia is ruled from Berlin and that no peace is possible while Bolshevism is in power.

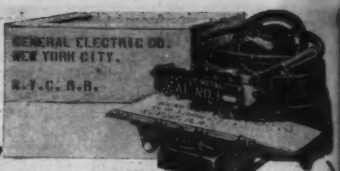
Col. Raymond Robins, formerly head of the Red Cross in Russia, characterizes portions of Ambassador Francis's testimony as false and misleading, says a dispatch from Chicago, and asks to be heard in reference to the Soviet Government of Russia.

March 9.—Kadish, which has changed hands six or seven times, has been recaptured by the Bolsheviks from the Americans, says a delayed dispatch from Archangel. Renewed bombardments are reported along the Dvina front.

Premier Paderewski of Poland arrives in Posen to explain to the Inter-Allied Mission the critical condition of the Poles on the Lemberg front. He asked for immediate aid in materials and munitions, says a dispatch from Posen.

March 10.—Typhus is adding to the horrors of hunger and disorder in Moscow, which the population has christened "The Graveyard," says a British business man recently returned from that city, according to a report from Paris.

March 11.—Allied forces holding Vistavka on the Vaga have been attacked by



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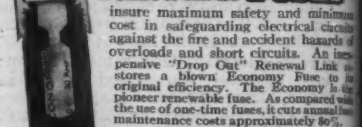
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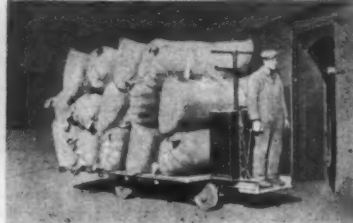


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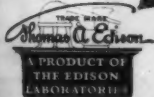
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Bolsheviki with infantry and heavy artillery-fire, says a dispatch from Archangel. The Allied troops, greatly outnumbered, are said to be still in occupation of the ruins.

Moscow and Petrograd are reported to be without fuel of any kind, in advices received by the State Department, says a dispatch from Washington. The deaths in Petrograd are estimated at 4,000 daily, chiefly from typhoid and smallpox. Chinese soldiers are said to have been arrested in Moscow for selling human flesh for food to the famine-stricken population.

FOREIGN

March 5.—The British Government has decided to release all Irish political prisoners, says the *London Daily Mail*. In order to prevent public demonstrations the prisoners will be returned to Ireland in small parties.

As the result of representations by American officials, the British Government has consented to the removal of all censorship on business, commercial, and other messages, says a report from Paris.

All Canada has been stirred by charges made in the House of Commons by Sir Sam Hughes, former Minister of Militia, that officers commanding the Dominion's forces in France needlessly sacrificed the lives of their men in order to advance themselves, says a dispatch from Toronto.

The police of Paris have arrested two sergeants of the American Army, says a report from that city, charged with complicity in a plot to steal and dispose of American army stores.

March 7.—According to a statement issued by Canadian Military Headquarters in New York, from eight to twenty-seven men were killed in the Canadian Army riots near Abergele, Wales. Discontent over delay in sailing for home is said to have caused the outbreak.

News are being massacred in large numbers in eastern Galicia and the Ukraine, according to the Jewish Press Bureau in Stockholm. Reports received from the *Yiddische Morgenpost*, of Vienna, state that 400 families have been wiped out at Proskurov, in the Ukraine, east of Lemberg.

A bill has been introduced in the House of Commons, reports London, providing for compulsory service for the British Army of occupation in Germany. The Army, according to the bill, would be composed of 900,000 men.

March 9.—Korea declared its independence of Japan at one o'clock on the afternoon of Saturday, March 1, according to a telegram received by the Korean National Association of San Francisco from Shanghai. The message added that recognition of the independence of the Korean Government would be urged at the Paris Peace Conference.

Following an attempt to arrest a party of American sailors who were "shoot-ing craps" near the Eagle Hut of the Y. M. C. A. in London, London police were attacked by United States and Canadian soldiers, says a dispatch from London. Several members of the American Military Police, on endeavoring to take control of the rioters, were severely beaten by British policemen.

March 10.—Practically all American soldiers and sailors have been withdrawn from the London district as a sequel to the riot of March 9, says a dispatch from London. A combined American Naval and Military Board is conducting an inquiry into the case.

A tunnel under the English Channel is being considered by the British Government, Andrew Bonar Law, the government spokesman, announces in the House of Commons, partly as a measure for giving employment to discharged soldiers.



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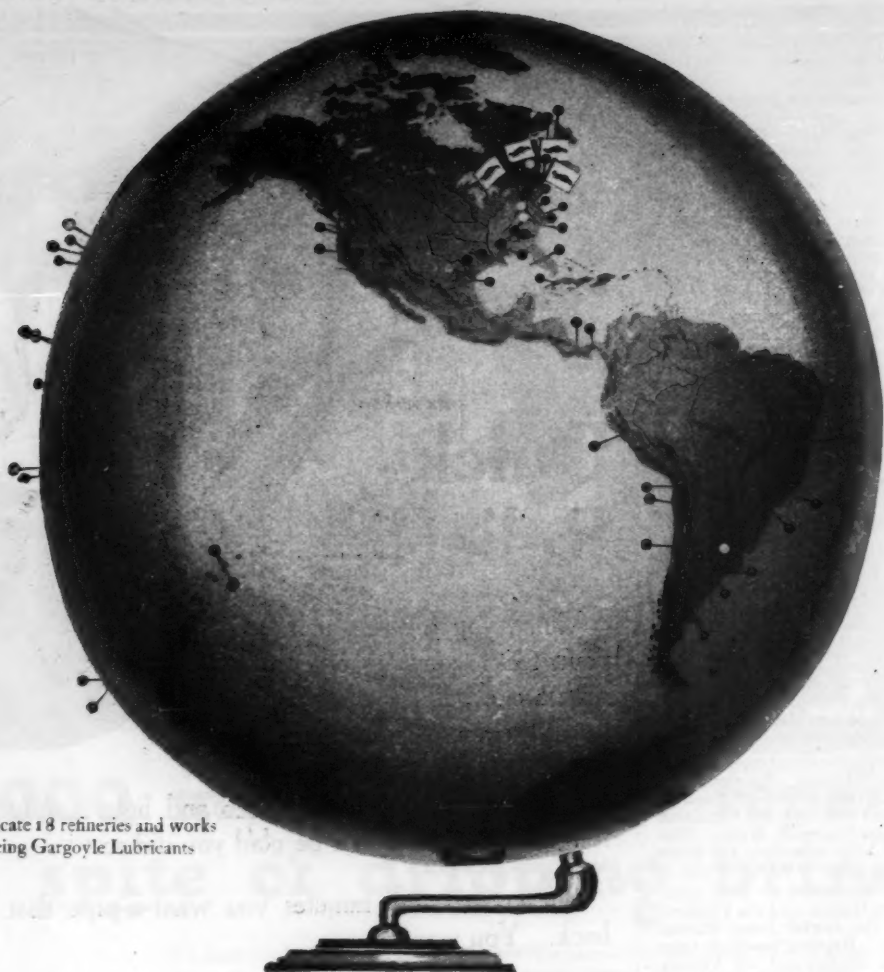
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DOMESTIC

March 7.—The Marine Workers' Affiliation and the Railroad Administration, in an agreement on wages and working conditions, release 40 per cent. of the men who have been on strike on ferries and other railroad boats in New York Harbor. Six of the independent boat owners also signed the scale, which grants the eight-hour day with graduated wage increase.

All danger of a railroad financial catastrophe, which threatened to develop by reason of the failure of Congress to provide funds, has been averted, it is announced in New York, as the result of a plan by which Wall Street will aid in financing the roads.

March 8.—Retention within the Army of about 200,000 men obtained originally through the drafts and by transfer from the National Guard, is planned by the War Department in building up the temporary military establishment of the nation, according to an announcement by General March, Chief of Staff.

The New York Harbor strike, "instead of being near the end, is hardly begun," according to a declaration of the strikers' committee. The agreement with the railroads has not been accepted by the workers, and only ferries are running.

Early return of the railroads to operation by the companies which own them and the passage of legislation to enable private ownership to be successful, are advocated by Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific Railroad, in an address delivered in Chicago.

The railroad shop-workers, says a dispatch from Washington, have presented demands to the United States Railway Administration for a further raise of twenty-five per cent., effective from January 1, 1919.

March 10.—Following demonstrations of the unemployed in Buffalo, N. Y., 15,000 State Guard are ordered to be in readiness for immediate duty there, says a dispatch from Albany. Prevention by the Buffalo police of a great demonstration arranged by the unemployed added to the tension, as reports from that city.

The radicals of the United States have united under the banner of Bolshevism, according to a memorandum transmitted by Postmaster-General Burroughs to the Overman Investigating Committee, and are planning to overthrow the Government of the United States by a bloody revolution.

Conviction under the Espionage Act of Eugene V. Debs, the Socialist leader, is sustained by the Supreme Court in a unanimous opinion. He was sentenced by the lower court to ten years imprisonment.

The International Harvester Co., of Chicago, announces that its 30,000 employees will take a secret ballot on March 12 on the question of adopting an "industrial council" plan giving the workers equal voice with the management in shaping company policies pertaining to working conditions and wages.

March 11.—The situation at Buffalo, where disturbances in connection with unemployment resulted in military threats, is reported to continue critical. Renewed applications for a permit to hold a parade of the unemployed have been refused.

Riots by unemployed threaten the whole State unless measures are taken to find work for discharged soldiers and war workers, says Dr. George W. Kirchwey, Federal Director of the United States Employment Service, in a statement given out in New York City.

The New York Harbor strike results in a tie-up of transatlantic shipping, including liners engaged in the transportation of troops and passengers. Government intervention is under discussion, says a report from Washington.

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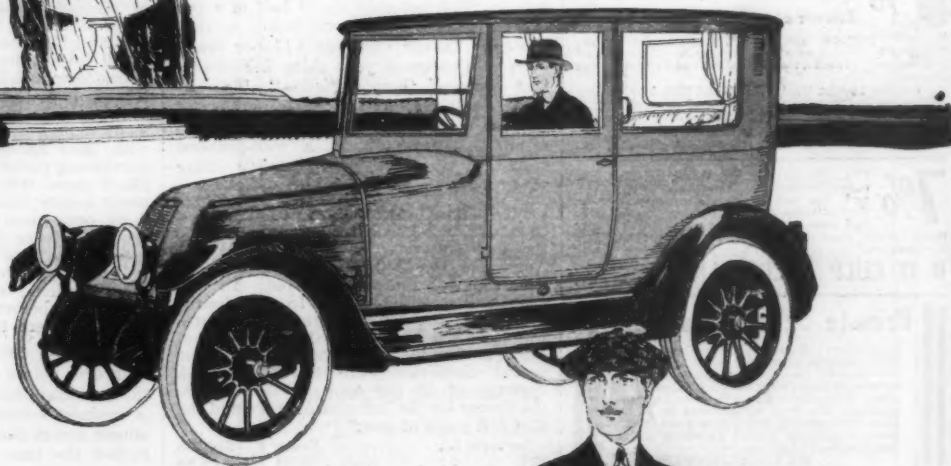
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Bradstreet's notes that notwithstanding the slowing down in business that followed fast upon the signing of the armistice and the interruption to trade at many centers by the influenza, "so great was the momentum in business and so profitable had been the previous months' trade that the lowest monthly totals of casualties ever recorded were reached in the closing quarter of the year." Liabilities did not shrink so greatly as did failures, but the year's total, \$137,907,644, was 17 per cent. below that of 1917 and about 40 per cent. of the 1914 total, while smaller than in any previous year back to 1906. From these figures *Bradstreet's* notes again that business life "was comparatively safe in 1918—safer, indeed, than in any previous year for which there are records." A fact often lost sight of is that failures always represent a small percentage of the number of men in business. The business death-rate in 1918 was only about half of 1 per cent. What is more remarkable is that the rate "never exceeded 1½ per cent., even in the worst year since *Bradstreet's* first compiled these statistics." The ancient tradition that the larger number of those entering business life are doomed to ultimate failure "lacks a well-founded statistical basis." The *Bradstreet's* writer says further:

"The most destructive period in the country's history as regards failures was the first full year of the Great War—August, 1914, to July, 1915, inclusive—when 19,948 failures occurred. In the year ending with July, 1918, the fourth full year of the war, the number of failures was 10,993, a decrease of 81 per cent. from the opening year of the war. In the same period liabilities were \$147,188,112, a decrease of 57 per cent. Following are the figures for the last year of peace and the four full years of war:

Year ending July	Number	Liabilities
1914.....	15,324	\$332,400,000
1915.....	19,948	344,000,000
1916.....	17,020	195,800,000
1917.....	14,560	172,791,850
1918.....	10,993	147,188,110

"Large commercial and manufacturing failures in 1918 numbered 191, as against 213 in 1917, 207 in 1916, and 303 in 1915, and liabilities of these were \$56,706,000, as against \$54,000,000 in 1917 and 1918 and \$103,000,000 in 1915. Bank suspensions in 1918 totaled 27, as against 29 in 1917, 41 in 1916, 85 in 1915, and 130 in 1914, and liabilities of these in 1918 were \$10,662,237, as against \$18,620,134 in 1917, \$5,980,798 in 1916, \$33,412,739 in 1915, and \$47,636,647 in 1914.

"The list of large failures, other than banking suspensions, shows that the building and allied trades were hit hard by the events of the year. Thus some twenty-one

builders and contractors suspended liabilities of \$6,850,000, and four lumber, brick, and other building-material manufacturers and dealers stopped on \$2,900,000. Automobile and truck concerns also felt it a year of strain, eighteen concerns closing down on \$6,200,000. Nine hotels with liabilities \$4,782,000 and six department-stores following \$2,610,000.

"Failure returns for 1918 reflected unprecedented prosperity of a vast portion of the country's inhabitants, mainly to the stimulus of a highly momentous war conducted at a distance, so that unfavorable effects were to be seen or felt. The results were total business casualties below anything witnessed for a third century, liabilities that compared favorably with any but the best of years, an unprecedentedly small number of bank casualties, and a smaller proportion of failures to those engaged in business than ever before recorded. It might be said that there also occurred, what was once before noted, and then, by the way, in a very unfavorable year, an actual decrease in the number in business. Other words, there was added to an unusually favorable business condition abundant cash demand, and closely tailed credit, a falling off in the number of traders among whom was to be directed a volume of demand, in money value at least, never before equaled.

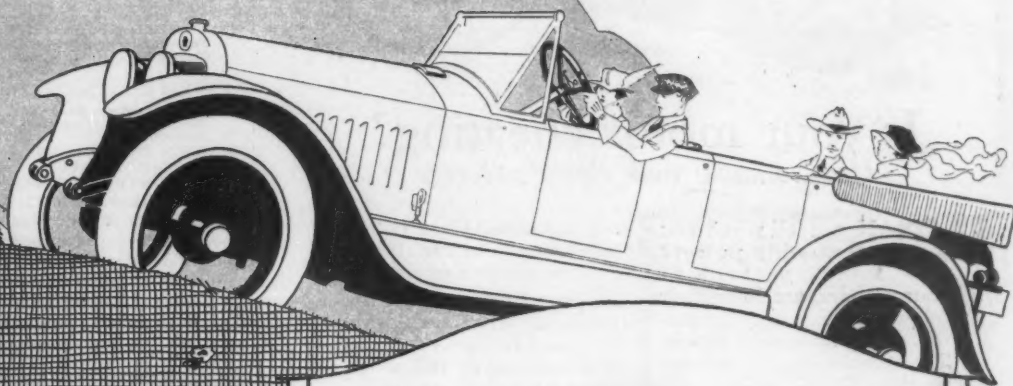
"There were some unfavorable features met with in the year, notably extreme cold and heat in winter and summer, severe drought causing partial failures in corn and cotton, an unprecedented epidemic, government interdiction in partial paralysis of a number of important industries, notably building, mining, distilling, and automobile manufacturing, and accompanying restriction of all but most essential operations on other lines. On the other hand, there first and foremost a hot-house stimulus of all lines aiding in war-operations, immense demands from government for all kinds of materials and products that could be used in war, active employment at high wages for all who could with their hands, and a vastly enhanced purchasing power of the mass of the people all of these reflected in a level of prosperity never before witnessed, which gave abundant opportunity for large margins and profits. Hence it was that, to a great extent than was noticed even in the preceding very favorable year 1917, sought sellers, cash sales were greater than ever before, and credits were tailed as sellers' fancies dictated."

It is noted in the same article that "more than ever before the statistics showed the personal element was the mainstay of business success or failure." One can almost assert that "only those failed who lacked the bare essentials of good business equipment or judgment." On this point the writer says in detail:

"Business success or failure is largely personal—in other words, that the individual himself is largely responsible for failure to succeed in business—there has been no higher percentage of personal liability established than in the year recently closed. In that year 86 per cent. of the failures were classed as due to individual, and only 14 per cent. were charged to extraneous causes. In 1915 85 per cent. of all failures were charged to the individual and only 15 per cent. outside causes; in 1916 the proportions were 81.5 per cent. personal and 18.5 per cent. non-personal, and in 1915 the proportions were 74.4 and 25.6 per cent., respectively. Never before 1917 in the quarter century

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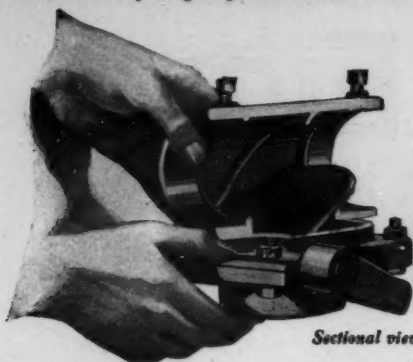
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of Bradstreet's experience in this sort of statistical work was the percentage due to the individual himself as high as 85 per cent., the nearest approach to this being 82 per cent. reached in 1910 and 82.3 per cent. reached in 1890. To fully understand the above statements, it will be advisable to examine Bradstreet's groupings of the causes of failure proceeding from or inherent in the individual as compared with those outside of his control.

A.—Due to faults of those failing:

Incompetence (irrespective of other causes).
Inexperience (without other incompetence).
Lack of capital.
Unwise credits.
Speculation (outside regular business).
Neglect of business (due to doubtful habits).
Personal extravagance.
Fraudulent disposition of property.

B.—Not due to faults of those failing:

Specific conditions (diameter, war, floods, etc.).
Failures of others (of apparently solvent debtors).
Competition.

Bradstreet's definition of a business failure is that it "must involve some loss to creditors of individuals, firms, or corporations engaged in ordinary commercial operations." Under this classification, failures of professional men, such as physicians, lawyers, and actors, as well as stockbrokers and real-estate dealers, also old bankruptcies passing through the United States courts, have no place, since these generally are dissociated from the recognized commercial life of the country. Failures to succeed, without loss to creditors, are, therefore not embraced in the data. Bradstreet's statistics do, however include "all suspensions of banks and other strictly financial institutions, even if these suspensions prove only temporary." From 1890 until 1912 lack of capital was the leading cause of failure. In 1912 incompetence forged to the front, and altho passed in turn by lack of capital in 1913 and 1914, incompetence in 1915 again took and has since held first place, with 36.5 per cent. of all failures credited to it in 1918, as against 33.2 per cent. due to lack of capital. These two causes, with the addition of inexperience, which is another form of incompetence in 1918 accounted for 76.4 per cent. of all failures, as against 74.2 per cent. in 1917, 69.5 per cent. in 1916, and 62.8 per cent. in 1915. Speculation as a cause of failure has been at a low ebb for four years, and the same is true of unwise credits, neglect, and extravagance. All of these personal causes combined totaled 86 per cent. of the failures. The writer adds:

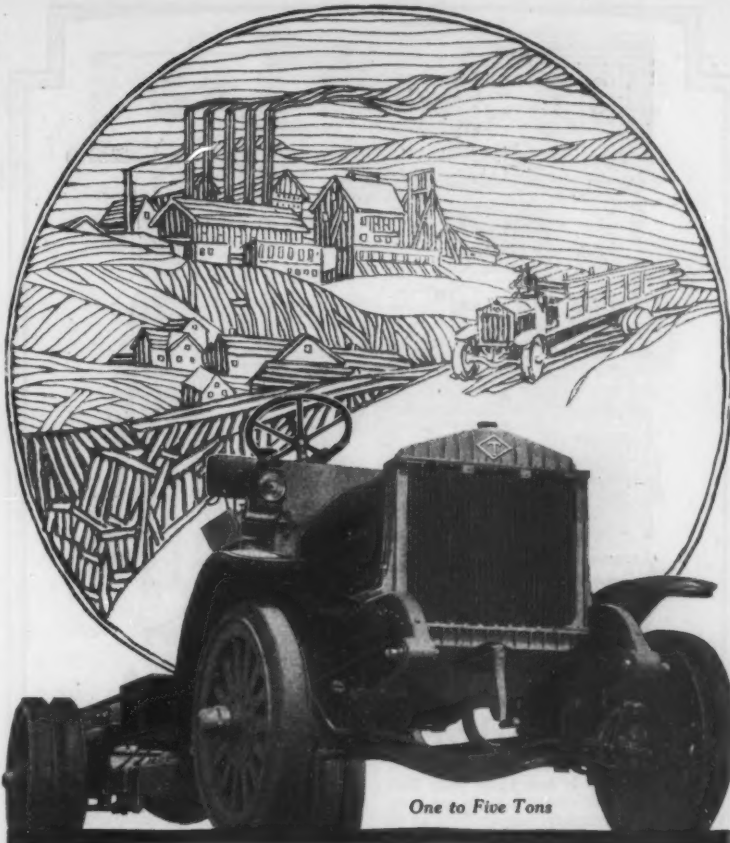
"While 86 per cent. of all failures were chargeable to personal causes, only 76.1 per cent. of liabilities were so credited in 1918, as against 77.8 per cent. in 1917, and 73.6 per cent. in 1916. Lack of capital was the most prolific source of liabilities, the proportion in 1918 being 30.8 per cent., as against 32.7 per cent. in 1917 and 31.9 per cent. in 1916. The 1917 proportion, it might be noted, was one of the largest in years. Next in importance to lack of capital was incompetence, 26.9 per cent., which compared with 25.3 per cent. in 1917 and 21.8 per cent. in 1916. Fraud, the third most important personal cause, accounted for 9.2 per cent. in 1918, 9.9 per cent. in 1917, and 7.4 per cent. in 1916. Inexperience, another form of incompetence, accounted for 4.7 per cent. in 1918, 5.2 per cent. in 1917, and 4.4 per cent. in 1916. The two causes of incompetence and inexperience combined accounted for 31.6 per cent. of all liabilities in 1918, against 30.5 per cent. in 1917. The other personal causes not above mentioned, unwise credits, speculation, neglect, and extravagance accounted for only 4.5 per cent. of all liabilities in 1918 and 4.7 per cent. in 1917. Of the

non-personal causes of liabilities, specific conditions were the most hurtful, producing 19.8 per cent. in 1918, as against only 14.2 per cent. in 1917, but 19.3 per cent. in 1916. Failures of others and competition accounted for only 4.1 per cent. of the 1918 liabilities, against 8 per cent. in 1917. As regards competition, the proportion of failures and liabilities due thereto were not materially different, being respectively 1.2 and eight-tenths of 1 per cent.

"Nineteen-eighteen was apparently the best year in nearly two decades for the man with small capital. Of 10,146 failing in the United States and Canada in that year 9,078, or 89.5 per cent., had not to exceed \$5,000, and a large number of these undoubtedly had less than this old-time minimum requirement. Not since 1897 was there a smaller percentage so provided, the proportion in 1917 being 94.1 per cent., in 1916, 95 per cent., and in 1915, 93.5 per cent. The 1916 percentage, it might be noted, was the highest thus far recorded. Traders in the next higher classification, over \$5,000 and less than \$20,000, however, suffered more than in any year back to 1897, the proportion in 1918 being 7.4 per cent., against only 4.3 per cent. in 1917, 3.9 per cent. in 1916, and 4.8 per cent. in 1915. Those with \$20,000 but less than \$50,000 failing constituted 2.2 per cent. of the 1918 failures, and those in still higher classes combined were less than 1 per cent. of all failing. Of the liabilities of the 10,146 persons or corporations failing in 1918, it may be said that 59.1 per cent. owed less than \$5,000, as against a proportion of 79.7 per cent. in 1917, a fact speaking volumes for the credit curtailment said to have been enforced in that year. Those with \$5,000 or over, however, were a vastly larger proportion than in 1917, which may be construed as indicating that credit curtailment was operative most heavily against the small trader. As to credit ratings of those failing, it might be noted that 96.3 per cent. had very moderate or no credit, which differs little from the proportions ruling in recent previous years. The 1916 proportion, 97.7 per cent., was the highest recorded. The constancy of these percentages as to credit ratings over the past four years, in the face of heavily reduced numbers failing, is not the least interesting feature of this exhibit."

LOW LEVELS FOR SAVINGS-BANK BONDS

When one notes current prices for standard railroad stocks he is apt to overlook the fact that high-grade railroad bonds have fallen approximately 13½ points since the highest prices reached in 1917. By "high grade" is here meant bonds legal for savings-banks to invest in. Of course, this low market value for these issues, as *The Wall Street Journal* remarks, "does not in any manner reflect weakness in their financial position, but is due to general economic conditions resulting principally from the war." Another reason is that life-insurance companies, who are generally large buyers of high-grade railroad issues, have been out of the market temporarily because of their need of funds to meet unusual loss claims, due to the influenza epidemic. Conservative opinion is that with a continuation of decline in commodity prices and prospects for an easier money market after the next government loan is floated, "market price of securities with fixed interest-rates should advance, and the savings-bank issues will no doubt be the first to respond to the change of the trend in price movement." The same paper printed a few weeks ago a list of important and active railroad bonds legal for savings-banks in New York State, with the high prices reached in 1917, high and low figures during 1918, closing or last prices on



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Chi. Burl. & Q. gen. 4s, '08.....	97½	89	78	82
Del. & H. 1st & ref. 4s, '43.....	90½	88½	70	84
St. P. M. & M. ext. 4s, '37.....	98½	90	81½	90
Illinois Central ref. 4s, '55.....	95	87	77½	83
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M. & P. & S. S. M. 1st 4s, '38.....	97	90	80	86
N. Y. Central 3½s, '97.....	86½	78	60	72
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Pennsylv'a gen. 4½s, '65.....	104½	96½	86½	88½
Pennsylv'a con. 4½s, '60.....	107½	100½	92½	91½
South'n Pacific ref. 4s, '55.....	95	86½	75½	82½
Union Pacific 1st 4s, '47.....	100	91	84	86½
Union Pacific ref. 4s, '08.....	95½	92½	75½	81

RAILROADS CUTTING DOWN EXPENSES

Reports from many railroad centers show that the managers are reducing operating expenses because of declines in traffic. A year ago the abnormal weather combined with a shortage of help and an abnormal movement of freight tonnage and heavy troop movement resulted in "the worst congestion that the railroads have ever experienced," says a writer in *The Wall Street Journal*. The reverse is now the case. No congestion exists on the Pennsylvania Railroad where traffic is moving freely and there is less of it. Heavy movements of munitions from the Pittsburgh district have stopped. As there is less traffic, so there is need of less men to handle it. The retrenchment program is going "right down the line." Heads of all departments have been asked to "cut to the bone." In January the retrenchment program so far as betterments and improvements were concerned was put into effect, when work on improvements amounting to \$10,000,000 on the Pennsylvania alone was stopped. In purchases, also, economy has been the watchword. The Pennsylvania Railroad recently had about 180,000 workers as compared with a normal working force of from 150,000 to 160,000. Based on these figures, from 20,000 to 30,000 employees might be released. If similar conditions existed on other railroads the total number affected would run over 100,000. Since the Government took hold wages have been increased by almost \$1,000,000,000 per annum. As wages of workers could not be reduced the alternative was to reduce the number of workers and this is what will be done.

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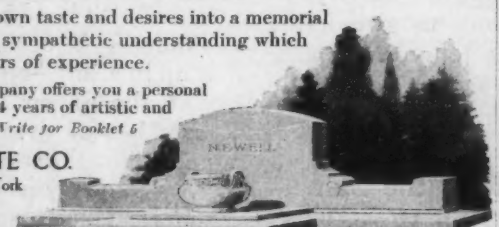
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should it be used at any time? 'The Reverend,'
'Reverend Mr. Jones,' and with or without 'The'
prefixed."

Reverend, abbreviated *Rev.* as a title, should,
like *Honorable*, be preceded by the definite article,
the phrase being adjectival; as, 'The Reverend
Thomas Jones'; or, if the first name is not used,
'The Reverend Mr. Jones'; but 'Rev. Jones' is
harsh if not rude.

"J. A. B." Suffolk, Va.—"Some days ago the
word *unintendedly* was used in my presence, and the
question arose as to whether or not it was proper."

The word *unintendedly* means "not limited,
restricted, or scanty," and is used correctly in the
sentence "I appreciate the attention you so
unintendedly gave me."

"J. B. D." Amarillo, Tex.—"Kindly give me
the words and meaning of the Macedonian Cry."

The words are "Come over into Macedonia,
and help us," which you will find in the Bible
(Acts xvi, verse 9)—"And a vision appeared
to Paul in the night; there stood a man of Mac-
edonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into
Macedonia, and help us." In the verse that
follows it is explained that "Immediately we
endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly
gathering that the Lord had called us for to
preach the Gospel unto them."

"S. C." Newark, N. J.—"Can you shed any
additional light concerning the origin of the word
Huguenot to that given by Mr. Charles Shriver
in his 'Wit, Wisdom, and Follies of the Great?'"

The editor named covered five of the etymolo-
gies commonly associated with the word *Hugue-
not*. Its origin is disputed. One etymologist
cites the form *ciguenots* from the "Chronicles of
Geneva," 1550, a popular alteration, of the
German *edigenos*, confederate. Richard Cot-
grave in his "Dictionary of the English and French
Tongues," published 1611, describes the term as
"Named from some person of the name of
Huguenot who was at some time conspicuous as a
reformer." This conjecture has been verified by
Littré, who discovered (see his "Literary History
of France," volume 24, page 307) that *Huguenot*
was in use as a Christian name for two hundred
years before the Reformation. He cites the fol-
lowing: "Le 7 octobre, 1387, Pascal *Huguenot* de
Saint Julien en Limousin, docteur en décret."
Scheler, in his "Dictionary of French Etymology,"
published in Brussels and London in 1873, gives as
many as fifteen false etymologies. Modern
lexicographers accept the derivation from the
personal name. As for that from the German,
Dr. W. W. Skeat in his "Etymological Dictionary"
says: "The favorite false etymology from Ger-
man *edigenossen*, being one of the worst, involves
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